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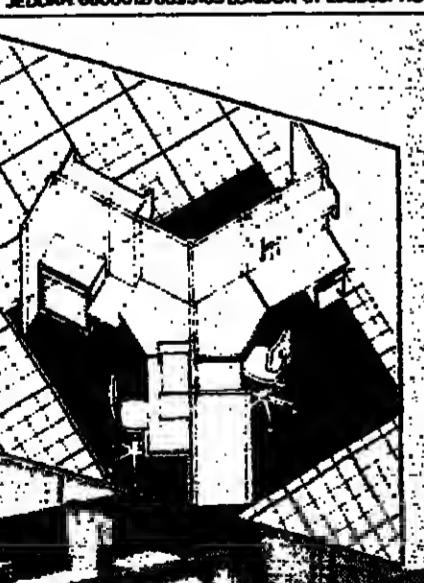
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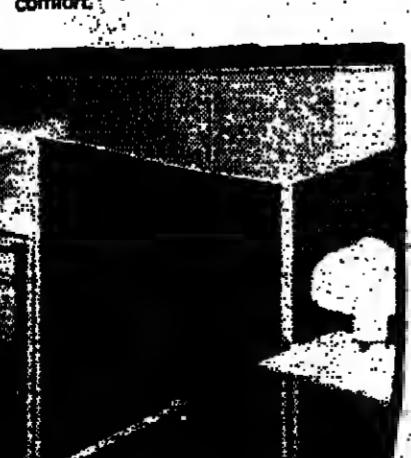
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Summit reaches compromise

Way paved to solve Kabul issue

NEW DELHI, March 9 (Agencies) — The nonaligned countries reached a compromise agreement on Afghanistan Wednesday, avoiding a public confrontation between Pakistan and the Soviet-backed Afghan regime of President Babrak Karmal over the 1979 Soviet military intervention.

A ministerial committee of the nonaligned summit conference rejected an attempt by Karmal's Prime Minister Sultan Ali Keshmardan to eliminate all mention of Afghanistan from the political declaration to be adopted by the summit later in the week.

An official of the delegation of Pakistan's President Zia ul-Haq, requesting anonymity, said the ministers approved by consensus a Pakistan draft text calling for a rapid political settlement of the Afghan problem "based on the nonaligned principles of peaceful coexistence, respect of sovereignty, national independence, territorial integrity and non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of states."

The draft, certain to be approved by the summit, reiterated the nonaligned movement's call for withdrawal of Soviet troops, other sources said. It omitted an earlier Indian-proposed call for "an early normalization of relations" with the Karmal regime, which Zia had declared unacceptable.

The compromise described mediation efforts by United Nations negotiator Diego Cordovez as "a step in the right direction." The sources said this wording was a concession to Keshmardan, who vigorously objected to an earlier draft with which the summit would have expressed "appreciation and full support" for Cordovez's efforts.

In an address to a plenary session of the summit, Zia said "this conference will reaffirm in unequivocal terms its support for the valiant people of Afghanistan."

"The essential elements of a peaceful settlement of the Afghan crisis," Zia declared, "are the withdrawal of foreign forces, the restoration of the nonaligned and independent status of Afghanistan, the acceptance of the right of the Afghan people to choose their own social, economic and political system, and the voluntary return to their homes of the Afghan refugees under conditions of safety and honor."

Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Rajaratnam, head of the Singapore delegation, in a statement to the summit expressed his disapproval with the whole nonaligned movement, which, he said, was being "hijacked" by the Soviet Union.

Referring to a growing leftist liaison within the movement, he said "we are witnesses to our own slow-motion hijacking, and if we do not wake up to this fact and do something to abort it, then the ship of nonalignment and all those who sail in it may wake up one day... docked in a Soviet port."

Call to debate Assam killings

NEW DELHI, March 9 (Agencies) — Political and student groups from Assam urged nonaligned leaders to take up massacres in the northeast Indian state last month as a humanitarian issue.

A spokesman for the groups told reporters they were writing to all government leaders attending the nonaligned conference in Delhi about the killings.

The Indian authorities have restricted distribution of domestic and foreign magazines carrying photographs of the Assam atrocities in what the Assamese groups say is an effort to prevent them being seen by nonaligned delegations.

The letters are being sent by the All-Assam

Students Union, which led a boycott of last month's state elections. Many ethnic Assamese boycotted the poll to protest against the inclusion of immigrants, mainly from Bangladesh, on electoral rolls. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party won the elections.

The letter is signed by Prafulla Kumar Mahanta and Biju Kumar Phukan, president and general-secretary, respectively, of the union. AASU spokesman Debaprasad Barua said it would be sent to the summit leaders through their embassies since the

Arabs walk out

KUWAIT, March 9 (AP) — Gulf Arab leaders walked out from Monday's session of the nonaligned summit conference to protest the Indian government's "indifference" toward the recent massacre of Muslims in Assam. A Kuwaiti newspaper said Tuesday.

The daily *Al-Kuwaiti* said the walkout was aimed at showing displeasure over the failure of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to "act decisively to halt the massacres."

Assam will not be allowed into the conference hall. Since violence erupted Feb. 2, the AASU says more than 3,000 persons have died.

Barua said his movement totally rejects the government formed by Mrs. Gandhi's victorious Congress Party. "We are not prepared to accept this government," he said. "It has come out of the death and the ashes."

The AASU has fought for three years for the expulsion of hundreds of thousands of immigrants, but it will have no part of expanded talks with the federal government that include the now aroused Assamese tribesmen.

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Carter visit triggers W. Bank riots

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank, March 9 (AP) — Violent Palestinian protests erupted Wednesday as former U.S. President Jimmy Carter went into the occupied West Bank and called on Palestinians to join peace talks with Israel. (Related story on page 4)

Israeli troops and police used tear gas and fired shots into the air to disperse crowds of Palestinian youths in several West Bank towns and in the Arab sector of occupied Jerusalem. Troops cleared rock-throwers who moved in on Carter's motorcade route in Bethlehem after he entered the ancient city.

Speaking to a group of about 100 Bethlehem notables, Carter said "progress has been disappointing" in the years since he co-authored the 1978 Camp David accords as a method for resolving the Palestinian issue.

"The initiation of negotiations, even though the outcome might be doubtful, would be a great step forward," Carter said.

Carter referred several times to "deprivation of human rights" without saying specifically who was depriving whom, but the remark appeared to be criticism of Israeli policy in the occupied territory.

"The future is not hopeless if leaders of good will can forget past hatreds and come together," Carter said. He said he hopes that "Palestinian" leaders and other Arab leaders, despite the frustrations, would join "talks to resolve the Palestinian issue."

Introducing Carter, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij said Palestinians "want peace with freedom... All we ask for is a homeland for

Turkey's envoy shot in Belgrade

BELGRADE, March 9 (R) — Turkey's ambassador to Yugoslavia, Celip Balkar, was in critical condition following an operation for head and body wounds after unidentified gunmen shot him Wednesday, hospital sources said.

The gunmen shot Balkar in central Belgrade at 1055 (0955 GMT). The sources described Balkar's condition as extremely serious.

One of the two gunmen who attacked the ambassador's car was also taken to hospital after being seriously wounded in an ensuing gun battle with Yugoslav security men, police said. The other escaped from the scene and police mounted a search for him in the Yugoslav capital. Eyewitnesses said several passers-by were hit by crossfire.

Hospital sources said a Yugoslav student died in a Belgrade clinic from bullet wounds, and a retired army officer was seriously injured. The two tried to stop the gunmen before the security men opened fire, the eyewitnesses said.

The ambassador was hit by two bullets — one in the head and another which entered via his right shoulder and hit his spine, doctors at the hospital said. His driver, Necip Kaja, was recovering from "not so serious wounds," they said.

The Justice Commandos of the Armenian Genocide claimed responsibility for the killing. The typewritten letter, in French, said the shooting of Balkar was intended to draw the world's attention to what it called "the national problem of the Armenian people and the revolting injustice to which it continues to fall victim."

It accused "certain governments" without naming them, of repressing Armenian guerrilla movements and denying Armenians the right to assert their identity.

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Landslide claims 270 lives in China

LONDON, March 9 (R) — More than 270 persons were killed in a landslide in the northwestern Chinese province of Gansu on Monday, the New China News Agency reported Wednesday.

The agency, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation in London, said 22 persons were injured and 33 pulled unharmed from earth and rock which hurtled down a mountainside and covered an area of three square kilometers (just over one square mile).

It said a number of houses and other buildings had been destroyed. Troops were called in to help with relief operations and people were evacuated from the danger zone, the agency added.

Yamani says OPEC agreement in sight

LONDON, March 9 (AP) — Saudi Arabia said OPEC "most probably" will agree on a uniform cut in oil prices by Thursday, raising new hopes among the weary 13 oil ministers locked in a marathon bargaining session.

But despite a conciliatory gesture by maverick Iran on Wednesday, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries made little progress in a series of closed-door negotiations Wednesday, sources said.

OPEC has struggled in a string of crisis talks to agree on a lower base price for its oil in hopes of avoiding a free-for-all among the world's major oil exporters. The current OPEC benchmark price is \$34 a barrel.

Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani told reporters Wednesday during a break in the talks that he saw hope for a settlement.

"I think we will reach an agreement no matter what you hear," he said. "That's my feeling. I'm not just dreaming. I'm telling you my assessment of the situation."

Yamani, whose country is the world's largest oil exporter, also said the organization still faced "many problems" but added, "we are solving them."

UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Oteiba

PARLEYS: UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Oteiba seen talking to reporters in London during a break in the OPEC conference. Emerging from the meeting said there were 50-50 chances for pricing accord. He, however, emphasized the vital need to strike an agreement by the end of the week.

Indonesian Oil Minister Dr. Subroto whose country has supported the Saudi Arabian call for a drop of about \$4 a barrel in the OPEC price, said after a morning session, "We're making progress."

Other sources said privately, however, that new conciliatory moves by the Iranians had failed to move the cartel toward agreement.

Iran's Deputy Oil Minister Abbas Honarmand told reporters Wednesday morning that his country would reduce its oil production target by 1 million barrels daily, or about one-third, if OPEC abandoned its planned price cut.

Iran had said Monday it "never" would

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Arab health conference successful -- Algosaibi

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, the minister of industry and electricity and acting health minister, returned here Tuesday night from the United Arab Emirates where he led Saudi Arabia's delegation to the eighth session of the Arab Health Ministers Council.

Dr. Algosaibi told newsmen that the meetings had been successful and that the conferees adopted important and positive decisions all aimed at improving Arab health. The resolutions also dealt with relations between Arab countries and international health organizations, especially the World Health Organization (WHO).

The minister said that the resolutions were aimed at improving medical standards in the Arab world's hospitals. They stressed the importance of specialized training within such hospitals, in cooperation and coordination with the Arab Council for Medical Specializations. Their objective was also to encourage medical research and the authoring of medical books.

Dr. Algosaibi added that the resolutions adopted this week will promote programs for the exchange of information and documents with the help of existing local centers. Cooperation will also be sought this respect with the Arab Health Documentation and Publications Center in Kuwait co-financed by Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries. More interest will be devoted to public health research, especially applied research. The Arab Health Ministers Council will provide incentives for that purpose.

Other issues discussed during the session included improved training for medical assistants, the unification of training programs and curricula and encouraging the youths to join those institutes by giving various incentives, including medals for those who get the best marks.

Preventive medicine was also taken up during the session. It was decided to train doctors and technicians on prevention techniques and research. There will be large scale training programs covering the entire Arab world.

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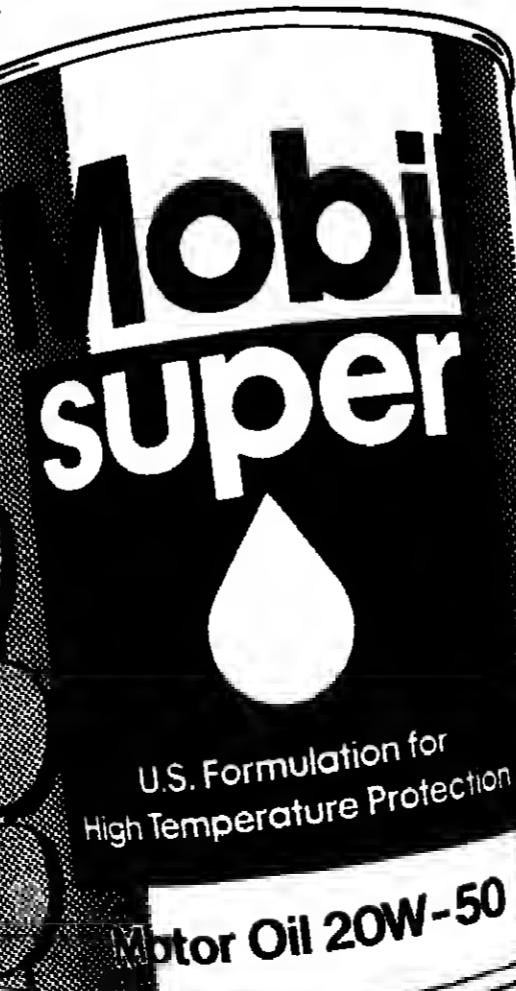


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GCC ministers to discuss joint development plan

ABU DHABI, March 9 (Agencies) — Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) planning ministers are to discuss details of a common five-year development plan at a meeting in Bahrain early next month. GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara was quoted as saying Wednesday.

In an interview with the daily paper *Al-Bayan*, Bishara said the proposed plan would not replace the individual development programs of the six member states, but would set the Gulf on the road to economic integration.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman.

The secretary-general said the plan was aimed at integrating development efforts, diversifying sources of income and coordinating food supplies. The council last month scrapped tariff barriers between member states and allowed their nationals to operate some business in other member countries.

Meanwhile, civil aviation chiefs and senior executives of airline companies of GCC member states will begin a five-day meeting in Muscat, Saturday, to discuss cooperation and coordination among themselves. They will submit their recommendations to the GCC ministers in charge of aviation.

Bank offers SR131m for subscription

By S. Sidahmed
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 9 — The United Saudi Commercial Bank has allocated 1,310,000 shares worth SR131 million for public subscription. The bank was set up last December as part of the Saudiization of the last three foreign banks operating in the Kingdom: The Pakistani United Bank Ltd. in Dammam, Melli Iran in Jeddah, and the Lebanese Banque Liban et d'Outre Mer in Jeddah too.

These three banks and the London-based International Saudi Bank Ltd. and 95 leading Saudi Arabian businessmen are the founding members of the new bank.

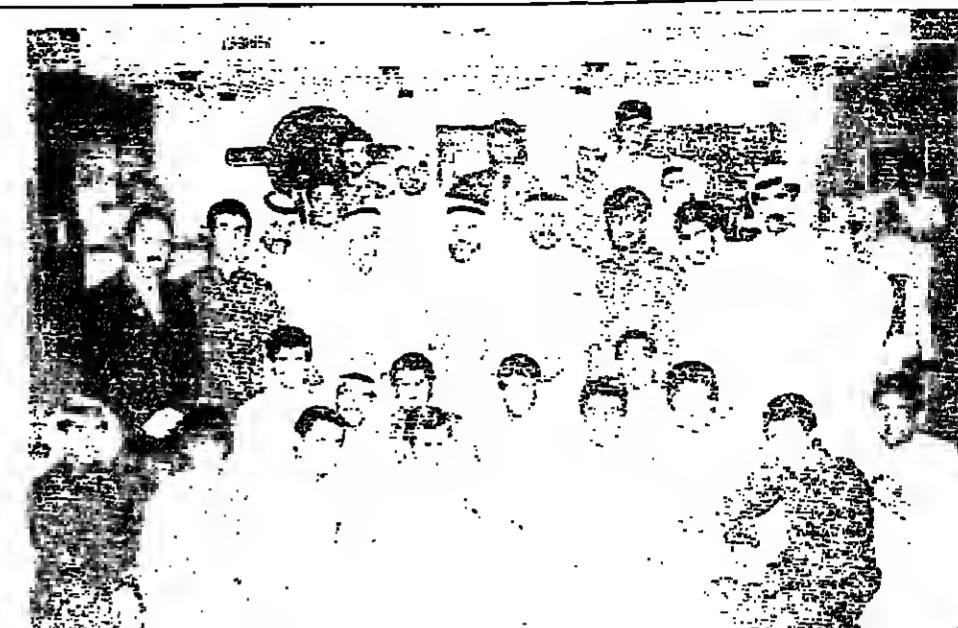
The Riyad-based bank will concentrate on new areas, attracting and serving the middle class businessmen and other neglected groups like government officials, a spokesman for the bank said. The bank will depend on Saudis to run its business.

About 60 percent of the total workforce is expected to be drawn from Saudi nationals. Already some 100 young Saudi Arabians have been sent to England for training on banking.

The bank's SR250 million capital has been divided into 2.5 million equal shares, each worth SR100. The constituent subscribers have contributed 1,190,000 shares worth SR119 million, while the four banks have me 250,000 shares each. The remaining 1,310,000 shares have been put to the public on the condition that the subscriber should be Saudi and buy no less than five shares and no more than 100. March 27 has been set as the last date for buying shares.

A ten-man board of directors has been formed to run the bank for three years. The cost of establishment has been estimated at SR7 million. The board of directors will be headed by Dr. Mansour Jalal, an economic consultant and a member of many companies.

The board includes Prince Faisal ibn Abdul Aziz ibn Faisal, Yousef Al-Hamdan, Hamad Al-Abdullah Al-Zamil, Hussein Muhammad Hussein Zeidan, Ismat Muheidin Nazer and representatives from the four banks: The Saudi International, Melli Iran, United and the Lebanese Bank.



STUDENT GROUP: A group of students, sponsored by the Kuwaiti Education Ministry, is visiting the Kingdom on an educational tour and to perform Umra. Shown here are some of the students with the group leader Abdullah Sahr (standing fifth from left), and tour manager Mahrous Haasanen (standing extreme left).

Perform Umra

Kuwaiti students tour Kingdom

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

Makkah the next day. During a three-day stay in Makkah they went to the Holy Haram to perform Umra and visited a secondary school. Thereafter, they spent four days in Madinah, where they visited the Islamic University and had some sightseeing of the surrounding area.

The Education Ministry every year sponsors two student delegations from Kuwait, one including 50-60 boys and the other 100-150 girls on Umra and educational tours.

"Only outstanding students are selected for the tour. It is an incentive and encouragement for them," said Sahr.

They arrived here on Feb. 27 and left for

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Assad lashes U.S. Middle East policy

NEW DELHI, March 9 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad launched a stinging attack on the United States Wednesday for its support of Israel. "The United States colludes with Israel in every one of its military aggressions," Assad told the seventh nonaligned summit.

U.S. arms supplies, economic aid and political support enabled Israel to perpetuate its occupation of Arab lands and its military presence in Lebanon, Assad said. "When the

Hussein: Talks with Palestinians making headway

NEW DELHI, March 9 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan announced that his talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization "have reached an advanced, positive and far-reaching stage on the path to establishing a close federal relationship that will implement our cherished hopes, Jordanians and Palestinians alike, to salvage the (Palestinian) land and its people." He said the PLO was the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Speaking at the nonaligned summit here, the king reaffirmed his backing for the peace plan endorsed by the Arab League summit in Fez, Morocco, last year, and distanced himself from U.S. proposals. King Hussein said Jordan and Palestine were separate, although they agreed on a "form of confederation."

"Jordan is Jordan and Palestine is Palestine," he told the leaders of the 101-member movement on the second day of their five-day summit here. "But Jordanians and Palestinians are going to work hand in hand to allow the Palestinian people to recover their land."

The emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa, addressing the summit, denounced Israel and called for progress toward Middle East peace. "Israel has gone too far in its atrocities," he said.

The emir also called for a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, which they entered in 1979 to back a takeover by the present Marxist government.

He appealed for an end to the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq, praised Bagdad for its readiness to negotiate and called on Tehran to respond positively. But Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Mousavi, repeated Iran's rejection of summit moves, led by moderate Arab states, to launch a new plan to end the 30-month-old war.

Indira warned of Libyan plot to torpedo summit

CAIRO, March 9 (AP) — A former Libyan Prime Minister on Tuesday warned Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi against Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi's attempts to "disperse" the ongoing nonaligned summit.

In a message to Mrs. Indira Gandhi, a copy of which was banded to the Associated Press, former Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Backoush said: "Help us denounce Qaddafi's attempts to embarrass President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt who is one of the best leaders of peace... and a main corner of the nonalignment movement which Qaddafi is trying to disperse together with his unwise allies," the message said. It did not go into details.

Backoush signed the message as secretary-general of the Libyan Liberation Organization, a resistance group which Backoush said "speaks in the name of Libya's people who are suffering inhuman dictatorship imposed by Qaddafi." Backoush presently lives in Cairo.

Earlier this week in New Delhi, Libya's Prime Minister Abdussalam Jalloud unsuccessfully tried to have Egypt expelled from the nonaligned movement, and on Tuesday left the hall when Mubarak addressed the summit.

The Libyan call at a Tuesday night summit session came after Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak had backstage talks with Arab leaders.

Jalloud, told the summit: "My country demands the expulsion of Egypt, or at least the suspension of its membership until it rescinds the Camp David agreements."

Jalloud accused Egypt of violating the principles of the 101-member nonaligned movement and said it had become "the American policeman" of the Arab world.

Italy urges early Israeli pullout

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Agencies) — Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, in talks with Secretary of State George Shultz, called for a speedup in negotiations on getting foreign troops out of Lebanon.

Colombo told reporters after a meeting with Shultz Tuesday that he was concerned about the slowness of negotiations on the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

He said the talks should be speeded up in order to pave the way for new negotiations on a Middle East peace settlement.

Italy has a contingent of troops serving with a multinational force in Lebanon that also has troops from the United States, France and Britain.

In another development, four to six rounds of machine gun fire echoed close to the U.S. Marines zone just southeast of Beirut Tuesday, but no casualties were reported, a U.S. Marine spokesman said.

Maj. William Grein of Lancaster, Ohio said, "The shooting took place when a Lebanese soldier manning the checkpoint pulled the charge handle to the rear and apparently slipped his grasp allowing the discharge... an Israeli patrol of two tanks and two armored personnel carriers heard the shots and approached the checkpoint to investigate the issue," Grein said.

United States speaks of peace in the Middle East, who can believe them? be asked. "We must judge them by their actions, not by their words."

The U.S. is trying to get the Arab states to accept a peace formula, announced last September. This calls for creation of a Palestinian entity in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan. But it falls short of Palestinian demands for an independent state.

The two were believed not to have spoken since the PLO evacuation of Beirut.

Gemayel: Lebanon not a playground for war of others

NEW DELHI, March 9 (Agencies) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel called for withdrawal of all foreign forces from his country and said Lebanon was determined it would not be "a playground for the wars of others."

He told the summit: "Lebanon calls for the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Lebanon so that Lebanon can be restored to the Lebanese and them alone so that it will be strong and not mortgaged to others... and its sovereignty not in any way diminished."

He said Lebanese sovereignty and independence must not be jeopardized by any regional interests.

"Lebanon is determined to ensure that its territory will not be the playground for the wars of others, whether those others be friends or foes," he declared.

President Gemayel said that unless peace was restored to Lebanon, which Israel invaded last June, there could be no peace anywhere in the Middle East.

U.S.-Israeli-Lebanese talks are under way for a withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon where Syrian and Palestinian forces are also present.

Gemayel, who made a last-minute decision to attend the summit here, had his first full meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad since the Lebanese president came to power last September, Lebanese sources said.

There was no word on the substance of their talks, but observers said they had probably focused on the U.S.-proposed negotiations for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon and bilateral relations.

Lebanese sources also spoke of a meeting between Gemayel and PLO chief Yasser Arafat, but there was no confirmation from Lebanese officials on the meeting.

UNITED NATIONS, March 9 (R) — The Soviet delegate to the United Nations, Oleg Troyanovsky, said that Moscow is encouraging efforts by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to resolve the Afghanistan question and hopes he will succeed.

But the Soviet Union is not involved in efforts that Perez de Cuellar and his representative, Diego Cordovez, are making at present. Troyanovsky told reporters at a press lunch.

"We are not involved in the efforts that the secretary-general and Cordovez are making. However we have been encouraging that effort and we hope it will succeed."

"We have stated on a number of occasions that if an agreement is reached between the government of Pakistan and the government of Afghanistan, particularly on the termination of armed incursions into Afghanistan — with proper guarantees — we will be very willing to withdraw our troops," he said.

Perez de Cuellar told the nonaligned summit in New Delhi Tuesday that Cordovez would soon follow up in Geneva the consultations he held in Kabul, Tehran and Islamabad last month.

"The interlocutors have shown their

Moscow backs De Cuellar's bid to solve Afghan issue

determination to make use of the good offices machinery of the secretary-general and some forward steps have been taken in the search for a negotiated solution," Perez de Cuellar said.

Since the start of the year, he has been hinting at developments that might produce a settlement of the Afghanistan question, telling reporters while Cordovez was in the area that he did not believe he would return empty-handed.

But there has been no public disclosure of what, if anything, the U.N. emissary achieved on his mission.

Perez de Cuellar is due in Moscow later this month at the invitation of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov for talks assumed here to

center on the problems of Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Perez de Cuellar met Tuesday with President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan, which diplomatic sources said was ready to make a major concession by accepting a pro-Moscow government in Kabul once Soviet troops withdraw.

The sources had said that officials of the United Nations were working behind the scenes in New Delhi nonaligned summit to nail down a draft solution on Afghanistan for possible presentation to the Kremlin when Perez de Cuellar visits Moscow later this month.

Confidence sources said there was an "ideological division" in a group discussing the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, a full-ranking member of the nonaligned movement. The summit is considering an Indian draft praising current United Nations mediation efforts but calling unequivocally for "the withdrawal of foreign troops and full respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan."

Ministers of the member states Tuesday convened in committee rooms to tackle the other controversial issues before the five-day.

BRIEFS

DHAKA (AP) — Nineteen bodies have been recovered and more than 100 persons are feared dead after a motor launch capsized Sunday night in a river near Khulna, about 240 kilometers southwest of here, officials said Tuesday.

CAIRO (AP) — Rescue workers have dug up more bodies from the debris of a collapsed 10-story apartment building in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, bringing the number of confirmed dead to 15, police sources said Wednesday.

AMMAN (R) — Jordan and Egypt are taking measures to resume bilateral trade, banned by Jordan four years ago, Egyptian diplomatic sources said. Amman banned trade with Egypt in 1978 under resolutions adopted by an Arab summit conference after the Egyptian-Israeli Camp David accord.

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli police have in the past two weeks raided the homes of nearly all past and present members of the extremist Kach organization, rabbi Meir Kahane said Wednesday. Followers of the American-born rabbi are accused of attacks on Arabs near Hebron, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Human Rights Commission Tuesday voted to send an envoy to Iran to investigate what it described as continuing serious human rights violations there.

Mubarak: Golden chance exists for ending crisis

NEW DELHI, March 9 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt in an hour-long speech to the summit Tuesday, declared that the world at this moment has "a golden opportunity to put in motion the wheels of a comprehensive settlement" of the Middle East conflict.

He called for the creation of a Palestinian authority on the West Bank and in Gaza in cooperation with Jordan and other Arab states.

Mubarak took advantage of the summit meeting to restore contacts with numerous Arab governments which broke with Egypt following its 1979 Camp David agreements with Israel.

The meetings, which seemed to herald the end of Egypt's isolation in the Arab world, began Monday with a two-hour meeting in Mubarak's hotel room between the Egyptian leader and Jordan's King Hussein.

Egyptian officials said Mubarak held informal talks with Jordan's King Hussein, Lebanon's President Amin Gemayel, the rulers of Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain, and Iraq's Vice President Taha Muhieddin Marouf.

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Warsaw delegate calls it hypocrisy

U.N. panel to probe Polish rights

GENEVA, March 9 (AP) — The U.N. Human Rights Commission, despite vigorous Soviet-bloc opposition, voted Tuesday to press its unprecedented inquiry into suspected rights violations in Poland, and urged the Warsaw regime's cooperation.

The 43-nation commission adopted by 19 votes to 14 a Western-sponsored resolution that extends the investigation — the panel's first in an East European country — and urges the regime of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski to lift the "restrictive measures imposed on the exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

It also declares that Poles have "the right...to pursue political, social and cultural development free from outside interference."

Henryk J. Sokalski, Poland's chief delegate to the commission, the United Nations' principal human rights forum, scathingly characterized the measure as "an act of hypocrisy and a deep attempt to distort the facts." Sokalski said there have been no "violations of human rights in Poland" and challenged the resolution's legality, calling it "a brutal act of political Machiavellianism."

Republic within Commonwealth

Laborites hail Hawke's plan

LONDON, March 9 (AP) — Thirteen opposition Labor Party legislators in a parliamentary motion sponsored by a leading anti-royalist said Tuesday they were "happy" the new government of Australia planned to make that country a republic.

The motion, signed by a cross-section of the 234 Labor members of parliament, congratulated Australian Labor Party leader Robert Hawke on his general election victory last weekend, ousting former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and the Liberal Party.

The defeated Liberals were politically more in line with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party.

The Labor motion, sponsored by leading anti-royalist William Hamilton, said it was "happy to note that in a short while Australia will become a republic within the Commonwealth."

Australia is among 17 nations in the 47-member Commonwealth, the association of Britain and its former colonies, which regard Queen Elizabeth II as head of state. The remainder, republics and four countries with their own monarchs, recognize the queen as head of the Commonwealth.

Meanwhile, a Royal Navy spokesman said Britain would not order a new warship from Australia in retaliation for Hawke's reported cancellation of an Australian order for a British-built aircraft carrier.

Britain had offered to have a replacement for the landing craft *Sir Galahad*, sunk in last

The Soviet Union called the resolution "quite unfounded" and based on dubious reports of conditions in the country that was ruled by martial law for more than a year from December 1981.

Sokalski took the floor immediately after the vote to declare the resolution "null and void," a "miscarriage of international justice," and reiterated that Poland "shall not participate in any form in its implementation."

He noted that less than half the commission's 43 members voted for the resolution; 10 countries abstained in the roll call. Before adopting the resolution, the commission voted down separate proposals by Nicaragua, Mozambique and Cuba to suspend, and effectively kill, the inquiry.

The adopted measure referred to unspecified "continued reports of widespread violations of human rights" in Poland and criticized the Warsaw regime for refusing to cooperate with Hugo Gobbi, the U.N. undersecretary general assigned to conduct the commission's inquiry.

Gobbi submitted to the commission a thin, heavily qualified report that skirted direct

criticism of conditions in Poland. Gobbi in the report expressed hopes that the regime of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski would relax restrictions "to pursue with the aspirations of the Polish people." Despite its cautious tone, the report provoked embittered East-West debate before the commission.

The U.S. delegate, Richard Schifter, charged in a speech last week that "from a legal point of view, the situation in Poland is now significantly worse than a year ago," when the country was in the grip of rule by martial law.

Schifter charged that official repression has been written into Polish law and that Moscow ordered the military crackdown Dec. 13, 1981, which extinguished a 16-month popular challenge to Communist authority in Poland.

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Suharto OKs nomination

JAKARTA, March 9 (AP) — Indonesian President Suharto, 62, Tuesday accepted a nomination for another five-year term by the People's Consultative Assembly, the nation's highest policy-making body.

The nomination approved by all the five factions in the assembly was submitted to the president Tuesday evening by Assembly Speaker Amir Machmud.

The five factions led by the ruling Golkar organization and the opposition Muslim United Development Party and the Indonesian Democratic Party also agreed on the nomination of retired Gen. Umar Wirahadikusumah, 60, as vice president to replace Adam Malik.

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Barbie made U.S. trips

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) — U.S. Justice Department officials have found evidence that twice-convicted Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie made several trips under an assumed name to the United States in 1969 and 1970, but Attorney General William French Smith has tentatively decided not to pursue the matter further. department sources said.

The sources, who answered questions Tuesday on condition they not be identified, said that at a meeting last week, Smith said that further inquiry into the Barbie case would not be a matter within the jurisdiction of the Justice Department's office of special investigations, which is assigned to hunt Nazi war criminals living in this country.

The sources also said Smith tentatively concluded that no U.S. prosecution was likely in the Barbie case and that a historical inquiry was not within Justice Department's jurisdiction.

But it was learned that some members of Congress, and the National Security Council

concluded that no U.S. prosecution was likely in the Barbie case and that a historical inquiry was not within Justice Department's jurisdiction.

According to the sources, government immigration records showed that Barbie used the pseudonym Klaus Altmann to enter the United States at Miami and New Orleans, Louisiana in 1969 and 1970 on trips from his sanctuary in Bolivia.

Congressman Peter W. Rodino Jr., Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, wrote Smith last week seeking an investigation of allegations that Barbie was protected after the war by U.S. intelligence officers from French authorities who wanted to try him for war crimes. Other members of Congress made a similar appeal to U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Barbie, who was Gestapo chief in Lyons, France, during the war was twice convicted and sentenced to death in absentia by French courts in the 1950s. He was expelled from Bolivia and returned to France on Feb. 6 to face trial for alleged wartime mass murders.

Lord Boyd killed in accident

CAPE TOWN, March 9 (R) — A black man detained on terrorism charges was found dead in his cell after allegedly hanging himself, the commissioner of police said.

Gen. Mike Geldenhuys said Tuesday in a statement that Tembuys Simon Mndawe was found dead at police headquarters in Nelspruit, a town in the Eastern Transvaal province.

Gen. Geldenhuys said that Mndawe was arrested on Feb. 22 in possession of a sub-machine gun, ammunition, and literature from the African National Congress, a banned group dedicated to overthrowing white rule in South Africa.

The next day, the general said, Mndawe made a confession to a magistrate. A South African police spokesman would not give further details about the man or his death.

Lord Boyd, a Conservative member of parliament from 1931 to 1960, championed the Spanish dictator Francisco Franco before World War II. He volunteered for naval service during the war.

In 1951 he became minister of state for colonies, or deputy to the colonial secretary, was minister of transport in 1952-54 and then was named colonial secretary. During his term of office Britain granted either self-government or independence to the West Indies, Ghana and Nigeria while many other

colonies moved ahead on the same course.

As colonial secretary, Lennox-Boyd came under fire from the Labor and Communist parties for his handling of each colonial problem as the Malayan guerrilla campaign against British rule in Kenya and the campaign against Communist guerrillas in what was then Malaya. In their attacks, the left politicians frequently referred to his past pro-Franco stance.

Lennox-Boyd was described in 1959 as a candidate to become foreign secretary, but this did not occur. The next year he was created the first Viscount Boyd of Merton and left the Commons.

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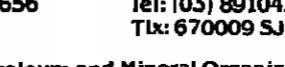
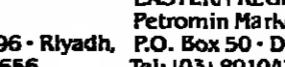
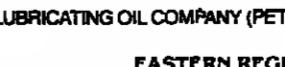
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America considers \$110m for Salvador

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Agencies) — The U.S. administration is reportedly considering an emergency military aid package to El Salvador that could reach \$110 million — \$50 million more than planned earlier. A congressional source cautioned, however, that no final decisions had been made.

A State Department source, who also requested anonymity, said the package would include an "accelerated training program," more weapons, ammunition and spare parts.

The New York Times reported Wednesday that Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told congressional leaders Tuesday of the possible higher aid figure and that an administration official confirmed it later.

On Tuesday, President Ronald Reagan told congressional leaders he is determined to provide El Salvador's Army with the training — possibly some on U.S. soil — and firepower to repel leftist insurgents, but "we will never Americanize this conflict."

Reagan flatly ruled out sending combat troops into El Salvador, and promised that no advisers would enter battle with Salvadoran units. He stressed, though, that "if El Salvador fails, no country in Central America will be safe."

Reagan disclosed last week he wants to send an additional \$60 million in military aid

to El Salvador this year. A senior presidential adviser, Edwin Meese, has suggested nearly doubling the current limit of 55 U.S. military advisers there.

Reagan's Tuesday meeting was the second in a week with members of Congress, many of whom have criticized his Central America military policies. When they left the White House Tuesday, two powerful senators — Democrat Henry Jackson and Republican Charles Percy said they would support increased U.S. military aid to El Salvador "under a number of conditions," including an amnesty in that country and an improvement in the Salvadoran human rights and economic picture.

They also said the political leaders who met with Reagan were unanimous in agreeing on the need for increased training of Salvadoran forces. Sen. Percy, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said discussions should be held with the opposition in El Salvador before, during and after the elections which have been scheduled for later this year.

The Reagan administration has disapproved of talks with the guerrillas, who according to Secretary of State George Shultz are trying to "shoot their way into the government."

43 aggressive Poles held

WARSAW, March 9 (Agencies) — Police arrested 43 "aggressive individuals" in the southwestern city of Wroclaw and dispersed groups of young people who attempted to stage demonstrations, the official PAP news agency reported. It was the largest number of arrests reported since the Communist government lifted nearly a year of martial law Dec. 31.

The anti-government demonstrations Tuesday apparently were linked to the 15th anniversary of a violent protest at Warsaw University in which scores of students were beaten and arrested by police.

In Warsaw, more than 100 persons gathered at midday to lay wreaths at a plaque commemorating the 1968 demonstration. Dozens of policemen patrolled the Warsaw University area and no clashes were reported.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said last week that "extreme elements" were seeking to turn some Roman Catholic masses into political gatherings to create unrest before the planned June visit by Polish-born Pope John Paul II.

Meanwhile, six accused Poles testified in Elblag Tuesday about the brutality of their former guards at the Kwidzyn internment center. The six, facing penalties of up to eight years in jail, were charged with having led a protest demonstration at the detention camp

and attacking on-duty guards.

The prisoners said they were savagely beaten by guards in August of last year after the camp commander canceled visiting privileges without advising detainees' families, who lined up as usual outside the camp gates.

The Kwidzyn beatings were made public last summer via underground reports circulated by Solidarity, Poland's banned independent trade union movement. The reports said that about 50 detainees were beaten up and a number of them were hospitalized with serious injuries at the camp south of the Baltic port of Gdansk.

The defendants' relatives, along with Western reporters, have been allowed to attend the trial, which began last Thursday. Testimony from witnesses is to be taken until March 6, at which time the trial will be adjourned to a later date. The accused are Adam Kazaczynski, 32; Wladyslaw Kaluzinski, 36; Miroslaw Duszak, 26; Andrzej Bober, 35; Zygmunt Golawski, 27; and Radoslaw Sarnicki, 20.

Golawski, who said he was one of those hospitalized after the beatings, is the son of a well-known dissident belonging to the KPN (Confederation for an independent Poland), whose leaders were recently sentenced to long prison terms.

China worried over U.S. ties

PEKING, March 9 (AFP) — Communist Party Secretary-General Hu Yaobang is not optimistic on the future of relations between China and the United States. U.S. business tycoon Armand Hammer, chairman of Occidental Petroleum, said Hu had told this during their talks here Tuesday.

Hammer told journalists just before he left China Tuesday night that Hu had asked him whether he was optimistic about Sino-U.S. relations. Hammer said he replied that he was, but the secretary-general told him: "I'm not."

The comment from China's top official comes a month after U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's visit here, intended to improve mutual trust between the two countries.

Brother to contest Williams' will

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, March 9 (AP) — The brother of Tennessee Williams said he will contest the famous American playwright's will, which left him only \$25,000 out of an estate valued at \$10 million.

"I think I deserve more than that for saving a great genius," Dakin Williams, an attorney, said. He had his brother committed to a St. Louis hospital in 1969 because of alcohol and drug addiction.

Dakin Williams said the estate was worth about \$10 million. Most of the money was left to the Institute of Arts and Letters for independent writers in New York.

The will specified that Dakin Williams

Poison forces U.S. families' shift

ST. LOUIS, March 9 (R) — Families at a trailer park in Missouri have been told to move on for the second time because the area is infected with the deadly poison dioxin, officials said.

The discovery by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) investigators brings to 26 the number of places in Missouri where the presence of the dangerous chemical has been confirmed. Another 73 are under investigation.

Residents at the trailer park near Gray Summit, Missouri, include five families who moved there from Times Beach, Missouri.

BRIEFS

MADRID (AFP) — Former Central Intelligence Agency operative George Korkala came a step nearer to extradition to the United States when the Spanish constitutional court Tuesday upheld an earlier decision to that effect by a Madrid court, his lawyer Juan Molla Lopez said here. The Socialist government has yet to decide on Korkala's request for political asylum here. The former CIA man has also appealed to the European court of human rights. Korkala was sentenced in absentia to 53 years in jail by a U.S. court for arms smuggling. He was arrested in Madrid last year.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP) — Peruvian folk singer Chabuca Granda, one of Latin America's top folk music writers, died Tuesday at a hospital here, five days after undergoing open heart surgery, a hospital official said. She was 62. "She just failed to maintain her blood pressure and passed away," a nursing supervisor said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Debbie Reynolds, who collapsed while starring in *Woman of the Year* on Broadway, said she



DEATH SENTENCE: Malaysian Culture, Youth and Sports Minister Mokhtar Hashim was jointly sentenced to death with the village headman by a high court Saturday for murdering Muhammad Taib Taib last year. Picture shows Mokhtar (center) stepping out of the prison truck under tight security.

Hotel staff questioned on plot against Walesa

ROME, March 9 (AFP) — A magistrate investigating an alleged plot to kill Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa when he visited Rome in January 1981 questioned hotel staff here Tuesday about a finding that four Bulgarians stayed at the hotel the night before Walesa was due to arrive, court officials said.

The owner, manager and seven employees of the Victoria Hotel — one of the places where Walesa stayed on the trip during which he met with Pope John Paul II — were questioned, but no details of what they said were released.

The magistrate was attempting to find out if the Bulgarians' presence there was connected with a possible planned attack on Walesa. He also wanted to discover who from Solidarity reserved Walesa's room for him.

Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist serving a prison sentence in Italy for the 1981 attempt on the Pope's life, has said he was contacted by Bulgarian agents to kill Walesa in Rome in

Becoming a major economic issue Global migration grows

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP) — Assam and Nigeria, settings for human tragedy and trial in recent weeks, are only two of the stopover points for the many-tongued and multicolored migrants on the move around the world.

Each day, 1,000 or more Afghans come out of their rugged highlands into Pakistan. Every day, perhaps triple that number of Mexicans splash or scramble across the United States border. Young men from the dry Savannah pour into Africa's port cities. Uncounted columns of Colombians file down forest paths and into the Venezuelan oil country.

The world is often unprepared for such flood tides of humanity. The episodes in India's Assam state, where Bengali immigrants were slaughtered by natives, and in Nigeria, where foreign workers were abruptly tossed out, are evidence of it.

Global migration of workers and refugees "has been growing in importance," says international economist Jagdish N. Bhagwati. "In the 1980s and 1990s it will not just be an important item on the human-rights agenda but will doubtless emerge as a major issue in the management of the world economy."

Bhagwati, head of the International Economics Research Center at New York's Columbia University, proposes a "code of conduct" to protect this stateless nation and regulate its flow.

Such novel ideas are expected to be discussed at a meeting of world migration experts March 21 in Tunisia, a preliminary to a UN-sponsored world population conference next year in Mexico City.

If they were a nation, the world's migrants would be one of the biggest — possibly equal to an Egypt or France. The United Nations puts the number of migrant workers at 20 million worldwide, and refugees at 8 million to 14 million.

But obstacles may grow, too. In the Middle East, huge numbers of foreign workers have been needed only for the initial, economy-building stage.

Bhagwati suggested a code of conduct that would, among other things, set standards for protecting migrants' rights in a host country, judicial-like procedures for expelling them, and global refugee-aid programs that are more automatic and better-financed.

The India-born economist, himself a migrant, insists he is no utopian. But he speculates about a day when the world community may lower its anti-migrant barriers, just as trade barriers were lowered after the trade paralysis of the Great Depression.

"Perhaps after another cataclysm, when human conscience may be aroused and we may shift to a different kind of ethic," he said. "After looking inward, we may say, 'look, we should have reasonably open borders, milder regulations.'"

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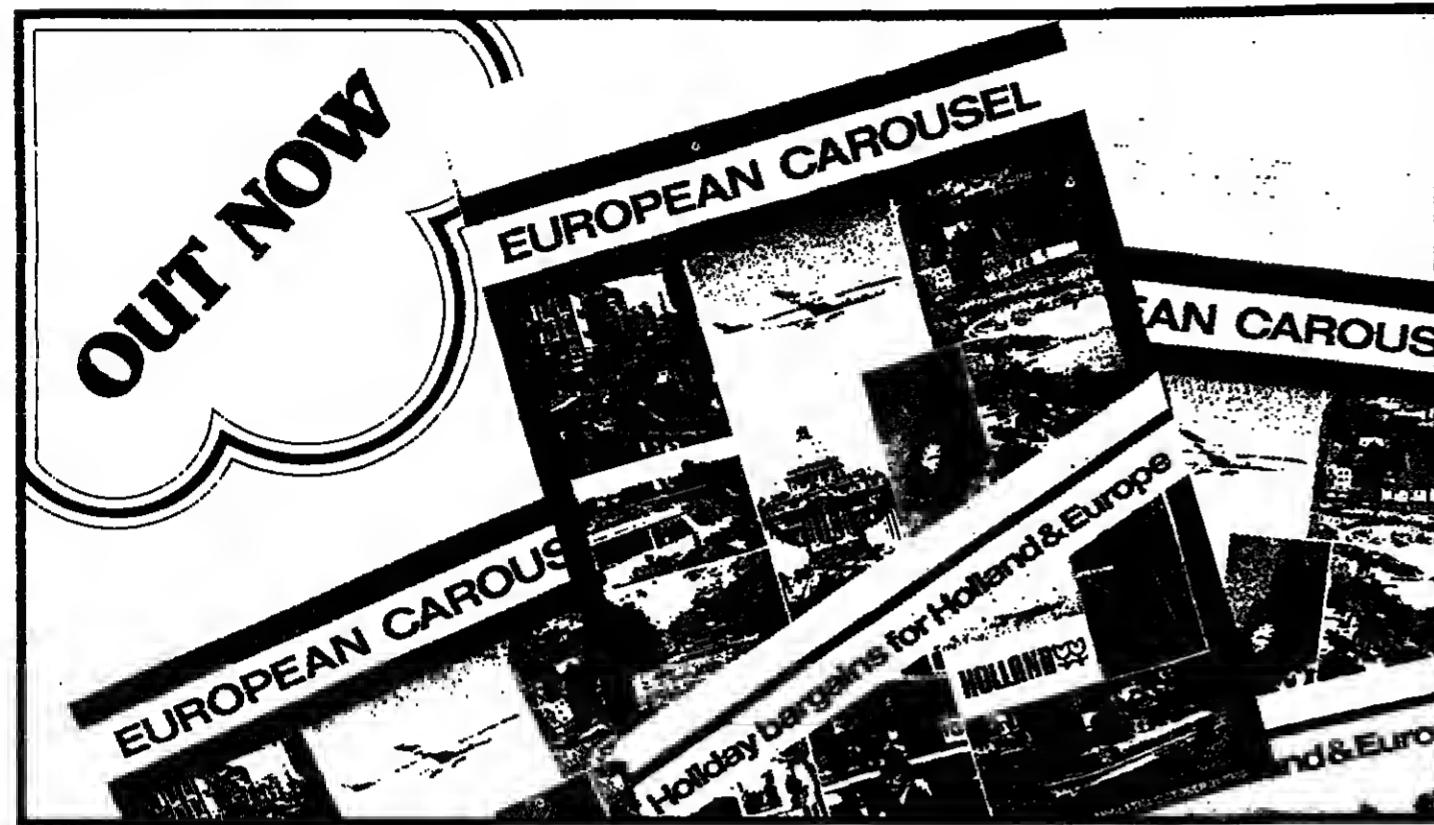
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As Haynes, Greenidge go on a run spree

Windies knock the fight off India

PORTE OF SPAIN, March 9 (AFP) — The West Indies asserted their position as cricket's One-Day champions by comfortably beating India by 52 runs in the first limited overs international of their three-match series here Tuesday.

In front of a sellout crowd of over 25,000 at the Queen's Park Oval, the West Indies were led to a formidable total of 215 for four off 38.5 overs by openers Desmond Haynes, 97, and Gordon Greenidge, 66. In reply India could only muster 163 for seven off their allotted 39 overs.

The West Indies, World Cup champions in both tournaments held so far in 1975 and 1979, were just too strong for the Indians, who are not well equipped for this type of cricket. Batting first after Indian captain Kapil Dev had sent them in after winning the toss, the West Indies took a grip on the match as Haynes and Greenidge added 125 for the first wicket.

Greenidge attacked the bowlers with confidence and power, lifting 17-year-old left arm spinner Maninder Singh for three sixes and the experienced off-spinner Venkatakrishnan for another before Maninder had some consolation by having him caught at long-off.

An earth tremor, which shook the packed stands around the ground for a few seconds and caused temporary panic before it subsided, did not, however, interrupt the cricket as Haynes and Vivian Richards continued to bumble the Indian bowling.

Haynes, eventually named man of the match, fell three short of his century when he was well caught at square-leg by Yashpal Sharma on Kapil Dev after an innings including 12 fours. Richards contributed a typically powerful 32.

The target was always going to be a tough one for the Indians. The match had been reduced from its original 50 overs an innings to 45 and was further reduced when the Indians could only bowl 38.5 overs by the scheduled lunch break.

None of their batsmen could find the power of Greenidge or Haynes and wickets fell at regular intervals as they dropped further and further behind the required rate. Five batsmen were out in the 20s with Dilip Vengsarkar and Mohinder Amarnath scoring 27 before sacrificing their wickets in search of quick runs. Amarnath fell to a magnificent piece of fielding and return to the wicket-keeper by Michael Holding which ran him out, typifying the outstanding West Indian out cricket.

Score-board

| WEST INDIES: | |
|---|-----|
| G. Greenidge c Madanlal b Maninder | 66 |
| D. Haynes c Yashpal b Kapil Dev | 97 |
| V. Richards c Gaekwad b Amarnath | 32 |
| A. Logie not out | 6 |
| C. Lloyd c Kinsman b Kapil Dev | 3 |
| Extras | 11 |
| Total (for 4 wickets) | 215 |
| FALL OF WICKETS: 1-125, 2-198, 3-207, 4-215. | |
| BOWLING: Kapil Dev 6.5-0-29-2; Madanlal 7-0-34-0; Venkatakrishnan 7-0-36-0; Amarnath 7-0-39-1; Maninder 9-0-62-1. | |
| INDIA: | |
| S. Gavaskar c Roberts b Garner | 25 |

Cool, quiet English cricket in the offing

LONDON, March 9 (AFP) — New Zealand have agreed to England's suggestion to limit bouncers to one per over in the four Test matches between the two countries this summer.

The Test and County Cricket Board announced the agreement after its meeting at Lord's here Tuesday. New Zealand are the only country since India to take up such a recommendation. Australia, West Indies and Pakistan have previously all rejected the idea.

However, the New Zealanders, who will play four Tests after the World Cup, have turned down a recommended minimum of one hundred overs each day in Tests. They prefer the lower figure of 96 which was in operation against India and Pakistan last year.

It was also decided that English County cricketers will operate voluntary code of conduct on appealing next summer. The TCCB's cricket committee had proposed that appeals be limited to players most involved in the event and the suggestion was adopted with the full cooperation of the TCCB chairman.

Stable theft linked to Shergar

NEWBRIDGE, Ireland, March 9 (AP) — Irish and Ulster police searching for champion racehorse Shergar, stolen from his stable near here a month ago, joined Tuesday in investigating a break-in at a stable in County Donegal in Northern Ireland.

Chief superintendent Ynen Murphy, who has headed the so-far fruitless search by the Irish Republic's police, said the break-in Sunday night at the small stable was mysterious because only veterinary medicine was stolen.

The stable is more than 100 miles (160 km) from the Ballymany Stud farm from which Shergar, the Irish and English Derby winner owned by a syndicate headed by the Aga Khan, was taken at gunpoint Feb. 8.

Murphy would make no further comment, except to concede that police had few clues to the disappearance of the magnificent bay stallion, valued at 10 million Irish pounds (\$13 million). But other police informants,

who insisted on anonymity, theorized that the gunmen who snatched Shergar might be getting desperate for medicines they could not buy legally without raising questions.

During the four weeks since the theft, stakes have been searched across the Irish Republic and in Northern Ireland with no sign of Shergar. Equally fruitless inquiries have been carried out across Europe and the Middle East by Interpol, the International Police Organization based in Paris, police here said.

New South Wales tops

PERTH, March 9 (AFP) — New South Wales Tuesday won their first Sheffield Shield title for 17 years, beating Western Australia by 54 runs on the last day of the competition here.

Chasing 293 for victory, Western Australia appeared to be well placed at 180 for four at lunch with captain Kim Hughes and Rodney Marsh in control.

Scores — New South Wales 271 (Rick McCosker 71, John Dyson 57, Peter Toohey 40, Bruce Yardley 4-92, Wayne Clark 3-42, Tom Hogan 2-28) and 280 (Dirk Wellham 70, M. Cosker 44, Steve Smith 37, Clark 3-42, David Boyd 2-39, Ken Macleay 2-64) defeated Western Australia 259 (Kim Hughes 66, Graeme Wood 45, Rod Marsh 36, Michael Whitney 4-67, Trevor Chappell 3-32, Geoff Lawson 2-58) and 238 (Rod Marsh 58, Kim Hughes 55, Greg Shapero 48, Lawson 5-52, Chappell 4-45).

There will be no penalties, but it is hoped that from now on cricket fields in domestic cricket will be quieter and the pressure on umpires reduced.

Captains will ask players to restrict their appeals to the bowler and wicket-keeper for bouncers and catches at the wicket, close-in fielders for catches near the bat and, for run-outs, fielders most involved.

Elsewhere, the Board are looking into ways of accelerating the reduction to one overseas player per county. It is widely thought here that the great number of overseas stars in England over the past few years is largely responsible for the decline in standards of English players and the young not being given sufficient opportunity to learn their trade.

The Board are also stretching their muscles for stronger measures against counties, who doctor their pitches. Last year, Nottinghamshire were severely warned.

This year, county committees have been told not to interfere with groundsmen in their preparation of the ideal pitch, fast, dry, and true. Counties clearly risk losing points if they offend.

Finally, Charlie Palmer, the former Leicestershire and Worcestershire player, who was manager of MCC's tour of West Indies in 1954, succeeds George Mann as TCCB chairman.



DELIGHTED ELITE: The skiing elite, Phil Mahre (center), Ingemar Stenmark and Max Julen (right) on the victory stand, pose with former U.S. President Gerald Ford (far right) after finishing top three in the World Cup Giant Slalom event. Mahre, Stenmark and Julen finished in that order in Vail, Colorado Tuesday.

Depalmer makes Vitas sweat

BRUSSELS, March 9 (AP) — American Vitas Gerulaitis had to fight two hours and 20 minutes to quell the spirited challenge of his young countryman Mike Depalmer before making the second round of the third Belgian Indoors Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here Tuesday.

The 1982 winner appeared clearly below his best, but drew on all his experience to scrape up a 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 victory. Two other matches went the full distance with Hank Pfister downing Indian ace Vijay Amritraj 4-6, 7-5, 7-6, and Frenchman Dominique Bedel ousting Colombian Jairo Velasco 6-3, 6-7, 6-1.

Hungarian Blaibarz Taroczy left no chance to young French hope Guy Forget, a powerful left-hander, beating him 6-0, 6-3, in spite of the Frenchman's fast and well-angled returns in the second set.

Gerulaitis started strongly in the first set, leading 3-1, then 4-2, but Depalmer resisted and came back to 5-4. Gerulaitis' good service, however, gave him the first set.

Depalmer attacked strongly in his turn in the second set, breaking Gerulaitis' service to lead 3-0 before his opponent reacted and tried to come back, but Depalmer equalized in one set each.

Depalmer was the most aggressive of the two in the third set, volleying spectacular points. Coming back from 1-3 to 3-3, he fought hard to 6-6 and a tie break, which

Gerulaitis finally won 7-5.

Pfister needed two and a half hours to oust the gritty Indian. Amritraj won the first set in half an hour, the American equalized in another 30 minutes, then the two men battled 90 minutes for the deciding set.

Pfister led 2-0, but the Indian came back to 2-2 and then forged ahead 5-3, but the American rallied to 5-5, then 6-6 before winning the hard-fought tiebreak by 10-8. Pfister's superior vigor finally prevailed over the Indian's higher experience.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Martina Navratilova and No. 2 seed Chris Evert Lloyd both made short work of their first-round opponents in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Dallas Tournament.

Defending champion Navratilova, the world's top-ranked player, beat Sue Barker of England 6-1, 6-2, and Evert Lloyd, No. 2 in the world, defeated Mary Lou Piatek 6-1, 6-0. Third-seeded Pam Shriver beat Alycia Monholton 6-3, 6-4, sixth-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia advanced with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Dianne Fromholtz of Australia, and No. 7 seed Bettina Bunge beat Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa 6-0, 6-2.

In other action, Claudia Kohde of West Germany defeated Kathy Jordan 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, Ann Kiyomura beat Sabina Simmonds of Italy 7-6, (7-3), 6-3, and Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa defeated Marcella Skulherska of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 6-1.

Phil Mahre pips Stenmark with fine late burst

VAIL, Colorado, March 9 (AFP) — Phil Mahre of the United States made up a 0.04 sec. gap on Sweden's Ingemar after the first run to clinch his second men's World Cup Alpine Skiing Giant Slalom triumph in 24 hours here Tuesday.

Mahre's brilliant performance crowned his success Monday when victory at Aspen, Colorado enabled him to clinch a third consecutive overall men's World Cup triumph.

Having won the first run ahead of Mahre, Stenmark was well placed to push home his advantage but he fell away on the second run, as he had done Monday, and ended up in second position overall.

Max Julian of Switzerland produced the best time, 1:32.65, of the second leg to take third place overall. Mahre's second place, in 1:32.87, ensured him of victory as Stenmark could only finish sixth on the second run.

The consolation for Stenmark is that he is on top of the World Cup Giant Slalom standings with 105 points, ahead of Julian and Mahre.

In Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, Yoswitha Steiner of Austria, already leading after the first run, won the women's World Cup Alpine Skiing Special Slalom.

Steiner's time of one min 33.84 put her ahead of Tamara McKinney of the United States, third after the first run, and Hanneli Wenzel of Lichtenstein, who took third position.

The kayoed glove

LONDON, March 9 (AFP) — A dispute broke out here Tuesday over the type of gloves to be used in next week's World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight title fight between Britain's Charlie Magri and champion Elocio Mercedes of the Dominican Republic.

Mercedes claims to have signed a contract in California which stipulates that he will wear Mexican-made gloves, weighing 225 grams, for next Tuesday's fight at Wembley here. But the rules of the British Boxing Board of Control state that gloves weighing 170 grams must be worn for flyweight bouts.

The dispute is unlikely to be resolved by WBC officials until the day before the fight.

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As they send Pacers crashing to 10th straight defeat

Pistons keep in running for playoff spot

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP) — The Detroit Pistons, clawing toward the playoffs, called it a "must win."

As it turned out, Detroit stayed in the National Basketball Association postseason hunt Tuesday by beating Indiana 107-101, sending the Pacers to a club-record 10th consecutive defeat. With the victory, Detroit remained two games behind the New York Knicks in the battle for the last Eastern Conference playoff berth.

In other games, it was Los Angeles 116, Golden State 112; Denver 129, San Antonio 118; Dallas 120, Phoenix 99; Cleveland 102, Houston 99; Atlanta 110, Portland 93, and New York 107, Seattle 98.

Lakers 116, Warriors 112: Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 31 points, had 12 rebounds and nine assists as Los Angeles held off Golden State in the fourth quarter. Mickey John-

son, who finished with 28 points, scored 19 in the fourth quarter as the Warriors pulled within one point twice in the final period.

Nuggets 129, Spurs 118: Denver won its eighth consecutive game as its front line of Alex English, Kiki Vandeweghe and Dan Issel prevailed in the battle of Midwest Division leaders. English, the NBA's leading scorer, had 28, Vandeweghe got 27 and Issel had 24 as the Nuggets led from start to finish.

Knicks 107, Soviets 98: New York reached the 500 mark for the first time this season (30-30) as Bill Cartwright scored 28 points and Bernard King added 25. New York broke the game open with a 12-1 spurt early in the fourth quarter.

Mavericks 120, Suns 96: Jay Vincent scored 22 points and led a parade of seven Dallas players in double figures. The

Mavericks, who got 17 points apiece from Mark Aguirre and Brad Davis, built a 25-point lead in the third quarter.

Hawks 110, Trail Blazers 93: Rookie Dominique Wilkins matched his season-high with 30 points as Atlanta led from the start. Atlanta had a 64-38 lead late in the second quarter and Portland could not overcome the deficit.

Cavaliers 102, Rockets 99: Cliff Robinson's 20-foot jumper with 17 seconds sealed Cleveland's victory in a game that could have a bearing on the No. 1 choice in the upcoming NBA draft. Houston, with the worst record in the Western Division at 11-51, also owns Cleveland's first-round pick.

Limoges triumph: Meanwhile, CSP Limoges of France won the men's European Cup Basketball Tournament for the second successive year in

Berlin Wednesday by beating KK Sibenka of Yugoslavia 94-86 (halftime 45-42) in a repeat of last year's final.

Sibenka kept the result open until well into the second half, with their best player on the night, Predrag Sarić, having scored 24 points. But when Sarić committed his fourth foul, trainer Vlado Djurović took him off and Limoges took command of the match, pulling into a 76-68 lead.

Despite pressure by Sibenka, the French team retained the edge until the final whistle. Ed Murphy, a 26-year-old U.S. player with Limoges, emerged as man-of-the-match and top scorer with 34 points. Zila Ljubović topped Sibenka's score sheet with 30 points. An enthusiastic crowd of 5,678, mainly French and Yugoslav fans, roared on both teams throughout the game.

Villa moves up with a goal in each session

LONDON, March 9 (AFP) — Aston Villa climbed into fourth place in the English First Division with a clear-cut 2-0 victory over Notts County Tuesday night, but suffered an FA Cup week alarm when skipper Dennis Mortimer limped off after 65 minutes.

He injured his left knee in a first-half tackle by Notts County defender Brian Kilcline and now joins Tony Morley (neck) and Gary Williams (ankle) on the casualty list prior to Saturday's quarterfinal against Arsenal at Highbury.

Apart from Mortimer's injury, it was a good night for Villa against Notts County, their 'bogey' team, who had beaten them five times in the previous six meetings.

Peter Withe and Gary Shaw snappet up simple chances in the 28th and 54th minutes and only goalkeeper Mick Leonard stood between County and a real thrashing.

Villa's new England midfielder, Gordon Cowans, spoiled his impressive performance by hitting a post from a 62nd minute penalty — his third successive failure from the spot.

Meanwhile, Tottenham Hotspur's midfield player Osvaldo Ardiles, who fractured a leg in the match against Manchester City on February 5, back in light training and the Argentina World Cup star could even be playing again in a fortnight. His compatriot Ricardo Villa, however, is out of action after spraining an ankle in training.

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Results & standings

| ENGLISH DIVISION ONE | | DIVISION TWO | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---|----|----|----|------|
| Aston Villa | 2 | Notts County | 0 | | | | |
| Middlesbrough | 2 | Shrewsbury | 1 | | | | |
| | WELSH CUP (semifinal) | | | | | | |
| Colwyn Bay | 0 | Swansea | 0 | | | | |
| Hamburg | 2 | Fortuna Dusseldorf | 0 | | | | |
| | WEST GERMAN CUP | | | | | | |
| Fortuna Cologne | 2 | Moenchengladbach | 1 | | | | |
| Borussia Dortmund | 3 | VFL Bochum | 1 | | | | |
| | Standings | | | | | | |
| ENGLISH DIVISION ONE | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts. |
| Liverpool | 29 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 70 | 24 | 66 |
| Watford | 29 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 50 | 31 | 52 |
| Man. United | 29 | 14 | 9 | 6 | 39 | 23 | 51 |
| Aston Villa | 30 | 15 | 3 | 12 | 45 | 39 | 48 |
| Nottingham Forest | 29 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 42 | 36 | 46 |

Bulging purse for Menotti...

BARCELONA, March 9 (AFP) — Cesar Luis Menotti has become one of the world's highest paid football managers in taking over as boss of Spanish side Barcelona, reputed to be the richest club in the world.

Menotti, the former manager of the Argentina national team, is reported here Wednesday, to have signed a 16-month contract with Barcelona which, including salary and bonuses, is worth nearly \$700,000.

The rewards for Menotti could be increased if he leads Barcelona, winners of the European Cup Winners' Cup last season, to further triumph during his spell with the club. Menotti has replaced Udo Lattek, a West German, who had a two-year contract with Barcelona worth half a million dollars.

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...Miljanic gets the boot

VALENCIA, March 9 (R) — Former Yugoslav World Cup football manager Miljan Miljanic has been sacked by Spanish side Valencia after only four months on the job, club sources said Wednesday.

Valencia, who won the 1980 Cup Winners' Cup and the 1981 Supercup, are at the bottom of the Spanish League table with the risk of dropping to the Second Division after 50 years among the country's top sides.

Koldo Aguirre, a Basque manager who has coached minor sides over the last few years, will be on Valencia's bench for their European Football Union (UEFA) Cup second-leg quarterfinal game against Anderlecht of Belgium Wednesday.

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NONALIGNED MOVE

There is a glimmer of hope at present that the nonaligned conference being held in New Delhi may come out with a formula to lend it some credibility, if not exactly some influence, on the course of international events.

The leaders seem intent on tackling a few of the major issues that have troubled their peoples recently. How this will be done remains to be seen.

One hopeful sign is the committee that is being formed to find a peaceful solution to the Afghan problem which, like the Palestinian tragedy, has spawned three million refugees on to a poor country like Pakistan, brought in an occupying power like the Soviet Union carrying death and destruction in its wake. Pakistan, which has borne the brunt of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has already announced a major concession by agreeing to see a pro-Soviet government in Kabul if the Soviets will only pull out of the country. Afghanistan may never be a fully free state again, at least in the foreseeable future, but the withdrawal of Soviet forces may give it and its neighbors some respite.

The full weight of the conference of some one hundred states should be thrown behind the committee if the Soviet Union is to be embarrassed into withdrawing from the country.

The nonaligned movement has always stood solidly behind the Palestinian struggle for self-determination and liberation but the involvement of the United States and its incapacity or unwillingness, or both, have failed to force Israel into making some meaningful concessions for the sake of peace. If it cannot get Israel to leave Lebanon alone and end its occupation it is unlikely to do much better with the larger issues in the region.

The Delhi conference should, therefore, form a parallel committee to study the Palestinian question just as it is going to do with the Afghan problem. It should aim at the U.S. as it intends to do with the Soviet Union.

It is not clear yet what it hopes to do with the Gulf war which has gone on for much too long and shows no sign of abatement. Iran has rejected all mediation attempts including those by the U.N., the Organization of Islamic Conference and the nonaligned conference which made only a half-hearted effort early in the war. Nothing has been done since then. Perhaps, another attempt will be worthwhile.

There may be an element of wishful thinking in talking about what the nonaligned conference can do given the many limitations from which it suffers. However, if the leaders in Delhi want to lend clout to their movement which has so far been denied it, they ought to reconsider their collective role in the world.

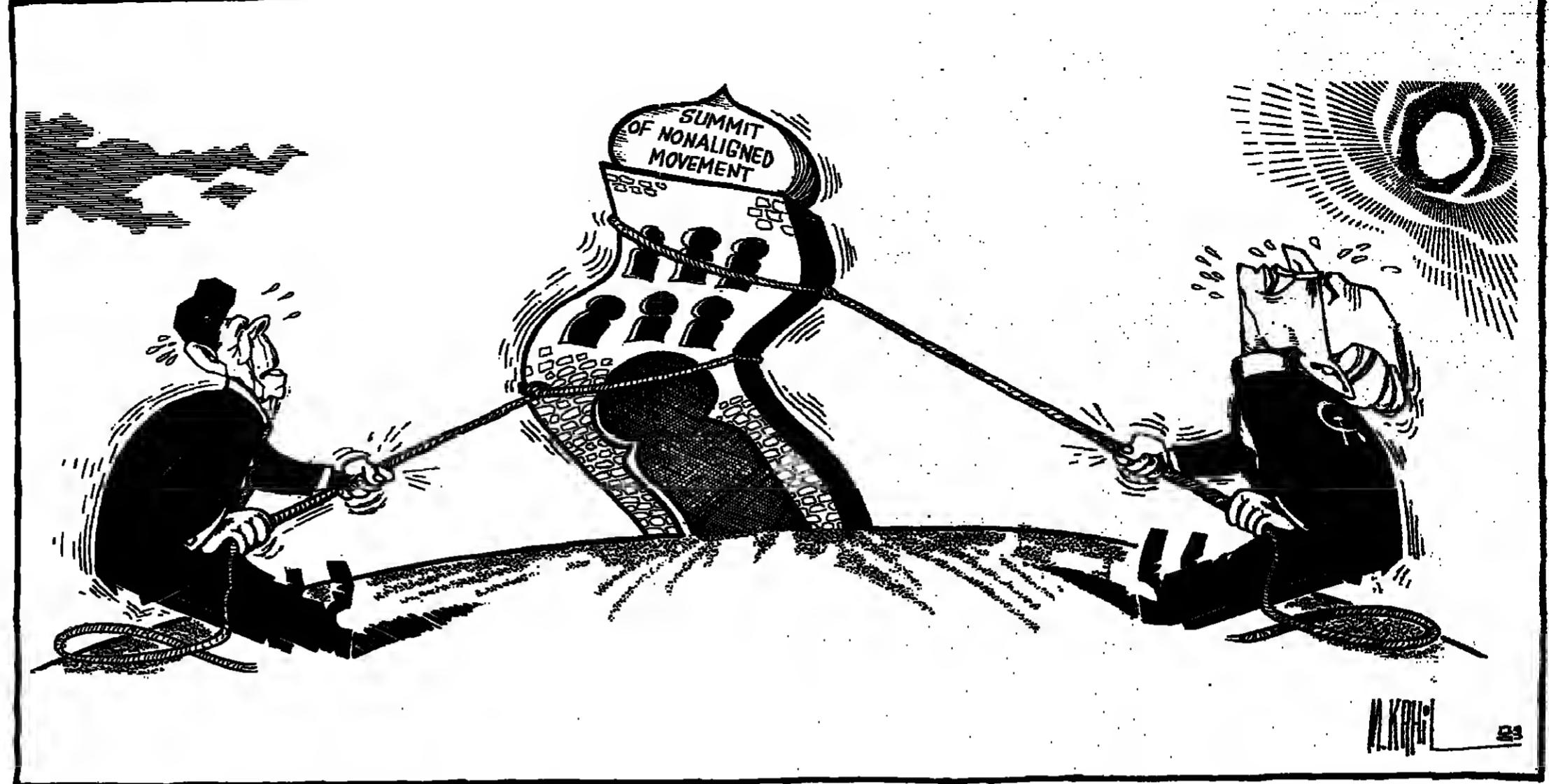
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The discussions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the Israeli-Lebanon talks on troop withdrawal have reached a stalemate due to Israel's intransigent stand and procrastination. It said the failure of the slow-moving negotiations was also due to the unlimited U.S. military and economic support for Israel designed to "tighten its grip on occupied Arab territory in Palestine and Lebanon."

It stressed that the Israeli pull-out talks could have achieved progress "if Washington had exerted pressure on the Zionist entity to end its occupation of Arab land."

Al-Nadwa urged the Arab states to shoulder their responsibilities and "work out a joint strategy that can recover usurped Arab rights and liberate occupied Arab territory without breaching U.S. promises" on the Middle East. (SPA)

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Palme raises political storm over policy bungling

By Helen Womack

STOCKHOLM — Five months after his return to power, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme's personal popularity has declined and economists complain that he has made only superficial progress in tackling major economic problems.

The Social Democratic prime minister has also raised a political storm over his main foreign policy initiative, the creation of a nuclear weapons-free zone in Central Europe. Opinion polls show Palme, 56, has slipped in personal popularity compared with opposition conservative leader Ulf Adelsohn, although they say the Social Democrats are still the most popular party.

They won a majority of three over the non-Socialists in last September's elections for control of the 349-seat parliament, which brought them back to office after six years in opposition.

The main proposal of their campaign was to introduce workers' funds to buy into private industry, an idea bitterly opposed by almost all Swedish

firms. It sent share prices tumbling in anticipation last summer, before the poll. But since the election, the scheme has been put on ice and the stock market, which was at rock bottom, has rallied to enjoy its most active trading period for many years.

The government boosted the competitiveness of Swedish companies with its first act last October, a devaluation of the crown by 16 percent. Although the move was criticized as selfish by Sweden's Nordic neighbors, companies are now posting good 1982 profits, attributed in part to the currency adjustment. The prospect of falling international oil prices has also been welcomed.

But economists, who in the autumn described the devaluation as a way of buying time to tackle Sweden's severe economic problems, are now complaining that the government has done little to alleviate fundamental problems — low productivity, high labor costs and lack of investment. Although Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Bildt presented a relatively austere budget by Social Democratic standards in January, the budget deficit is still

expected to be around \$13 billion in 1983.

Sweden's trade deficit is around \$2.7 billion. Inflation is nudging 10 percent and is expected to rise to 15 percent this year but unemployment is a low three percent.

"The inflationary pressure of the budget deficit discourages firms from making the long-term investments that Sweden really needs," said Lars Vinell, an economist for the Federation of Swedish Industries. He said the government's first priority should be to reduce the deficit by cuts in all areas of public spending. "The economic situation is going to be tough for many years to come irrespective of governments because the problems are tough," he added.

Meanwhile, Palme has run into trouble over his conduct of foreign policy, which in the past has been his greatest strength. Non-Socialist politicians charged that he wanted to dominate all foreign and defense policies himself and Foreign Minister Lennart Bodstrom's uninspiring public image encourages the impression among journalists that he acts mainly as a spokesman for Palme.

A wave of opposition protest has enveloped the prime minister's main foreign policy initiative since taking office — promotion of the idea of a 300-km wide zone free of nuclear weapons in Central Europe, either side of the East-West frontier.

Neutral Sweden's plan, put forward in the autumn and based on the work of an independent commission of world politicians headed by Palme, has been welcomed by Communist states, which would like to see the zone widened by up to 300-kms again. But NATO officials say the idea is likely to be unacceptable to the West and the opposition has charged that Palme was unduly influenced by West German Social Democratic disarmament expert Egon Bahr when he announced the proposal. This was denied by both Palme and Bahr.

Non-Socialist politicians are furious that Palme did not consult them before announcing the plan, which they said violated a long Swedish tradition of consensus in foreign affairs. Former Foreign Minister and Liberal Party leader Ola Ullsten accused Palme of bungling foreign policy. (R)

Nakasone wants to cash in on spy testimony in U.S.

By Rod O'Brien

TOKYO —

Ruling party circles here are attempting through diplomatic channels to get the unabridged testimony heard behind closed doors in Washington — that Japan is an ideal place for spies.

A former KGB major, Stanislav Levchenko, 41, appeared before the United States select committee on intelligence in July 1982. He defected to the U.S. after working in Tokyo from February 1973 to October 1979 where he said he had recruited 200 Japanese as spies. He claimed many of them did not know they were agents, but they included a former cabinet minister, prominent members of the opposition Socialist Party as well as journalists and scholars.

No names have been released, however, Levchenko is promising to disclose them, in not one but two volumes, subject to clearances by the U.S. intelligence agency. Levchenko undertook his spying while masquerading as a correspondent for the Soviet international magazine, the *New Times*.

In his testimony, he said he paid amounts ranging from \$167 to \$2,083 for the services of those who provided information either verbally or documented on Japan's domestic and foreign policy plans.

He said the KGB had a number of goals including

moves to:

Prevent any deepening of the military and political ties with America.

Create distrust between Japan and America.

Block any growth in the Japan-China relationship.

Destroy the Washington-Peking-Tokyo triangle and create a new pro-Soviet lobby in ruling and opposition circles.

Even though a tendency to discount allegations by Levchenko is widespread in Japan, Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone is saying he is deeply concerned because of the need to protect national interests. The cabinet secretary also says it may be necessary to take measures against those involved, although on that score mild action may only be possible seeing the nation has no strong anti-spying law despite efforts to draft one in the past two years.

In the meantime, one line of speculation is that the Levchenko testimony so far disclosed in Washington was released as a warning about the potential for security leaks in Tokyo. At the same time, it was also noted the testimony came out on the eve of the national convention of the JSP, the Japan Socialist Party.

Not surprisingly, the party chairman, Ichio

Asakata, was furious, arguing that the CIA might have had a hand in disclosing the testimony because it could easily damage Socialist activities in Japan, and as he put it, "pave the way for rearmament," meaning that the continuation of the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan would encourage rearmament. Despite Levchenko's testimony, Asakata survived as leader of the Socialist Party, although his popularity at 9.8 percent has slipped to an all-time low. As the man largely responsible for a scale-down in party membership to 65,000, the smallest total in five years, he was forced to accept a new deputy in order to balance out the strong left-wing tilt of the party leadership.

Both the left and the right of the party support the policy of unarmed neutrality and, therefore, refuse to endorse the existence of Japan's self-defense forces or the Japan-U.S. security treaty. However, the right wing strives to renovate the party's domestic policy in the hope it can regain some past popularity at the time Prime Minister Nakasone sparked off controversy on a number of fronts. He is also indicating he wants to dissolve the Diet and hold elections, although far from clear is whether one or both houses will be involved.

The opposition continues to bark at his heels over his lifting defense spending at a higher rate of the

GNP than for other sectors; his party's resolution to revise Japan's war-renouncing constitution; his decision to export high technology to the United States and the complete lack of political morality in the ruling circle.

At the center of the morality issue is the opposition call for a former prime minister, Kakuei Tanaka, the key defendant in the Lockheed payoff scandal, to resign his seat in parliament. Tanaka is no longer a member of the LDP, although from the outside he runs the largest faction within the party, a role he has played in the past six years and particularly in the election of Yasuhiro Nakasone last November. Now with the prosecutor demanding that Tanaka be given a jail term of five years plus a fine of \$2 million, Nakasone is saying only Tanaka can make a decision about his parliamentary seat.

With so many hot issues in the wind, the opposition is, therefore, poised for attack and could seriously slow the parliamentary sessions on the budget for 1983, the priority debate to be completed before any election can be held. To sharpen his strategy against the opposition, Nakasone will press for the Levchenko testimony as complete with names as possible to use against the Socialist forces should there be any delays in parliament.

In the event of an election, he could also use names in an attempt to smear and discredit the opposition, a handy weapon when the most recent polls are showing more people are saying they do not support Nakasone, as compared with those who say they do. (Depthnews)

Brunei set to join ASEAN by year-end

By Reg Grattan

KUALA LUMPUR —

The Sultanate of Brunei, rich in oil and gas resources, looks set to become the sixth member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on gaining full independence from Britain at the end of this year.

The ASEAN members — Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines — are all

ready to welcome their small but wealthy neighbor into the 15-year-old organization. Officials in the sultanate, wedged between the Malaysian states of Sarawak and Sabah on the island of Borneo, said Brunei would make a decision on membership only after independence.

But ASEAN sources said the staunchly Islamic sultanate would undoubtedly join the only non-Communist organization in the region, partly to maintain security and political identity. Political

sources in Brunei said the sultan was impressed by ASEAN's political successes, particularly its united opposition to Vietnam's presence in Kampuchea, rather than by its potential as an economic bloc.

The five ASEAN members have worked to forge closer links with Brunei in recent years. Perhaps, the most significant development has been the growing friendship between Brunei and Indonesia whose late President Sukarno supported an abortive internal rebellion in the sultanate in 1962.

In 1981 the sultan, Sir Musa Hassanal Bolkiah, was assured by President Suharto in Jakarta that Indonesia would support Brunei's entry into ASEAN, a position reaffirmed by Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja in Brunei last August. Brunei's relations with Malaysia, which reached their lowest ebb in the sixties after Brunei declined to join the Malaysian federation, are now stronger than ever, due partly to closer ties between the sultan and Malaysia's King Sultan Ahmad Shah.

As an ASEAN member, Brunei would be assured that its two big neighbors would end any lingering sympathy for the now-outlawed Brunei Peoples Party, which engineered the bloody 1962 uprising. ASEAN states have pledged non-interference in one another's domestic affairs.

At present, Britain is responsible for the sultanate's foreign affairs and defense. ASEAN officials said the organization was unlikely to open its doors to any other country soon.

Foreign diplomats said Brunei might qualify for membership, but officials in Rangoon said Brunei would remain outside ASEAN while maintaining good ties with all its members. Although Brunei's entry into the regional grouping is expected to be smooth, ASEAN will be watching how the sultan settles the status of Brunei's Chinese community.

Most of the 50,000 Chinese in sultanate, with a population of 230,000, will become stateless on independence unless the government makes them citizens. Brunei is also likely to join the Organization of Islamic Conference and the 45-member Commonwealth after independence. These moves together with ASEAN membership would give it enough support to join the United Nations, diplomats said. (R)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Position of Indian Muslims

Sir,

I refer to the letters by John Eapen, K. Mahendra Menon and Shamsuddin published in *Arab News* (Feb. 4 and 18). It is true that the highest post — that of the president — has been held by three Muslims. But in what way it has benefited the Muslim masses?

Prince Sadruddin's collections displayed in Fort Worth

A window on the magnificent world of Islamic art

By Grace Halsell
Special to Arab News

FORT WORTH, Texas — American people generally know little about Islam and Islamic art and an exhibition here on "Arts of the Islamic Book" will help rectify this lack of understanding and appreciation.

The exhibition from the private collection of Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan opened originally in New York and currently is on display — for two months — at Fort Worth's Kimbell Art Museum. "This is the first major collection of Islamic masterworks to come to the Southwest United States," Dr. Emily Sano, Kimbell Art Museum's Curator of Asian Art, told *Arab News*.

"The quality and range of the individual works are superb. Moreover, the selection makes it the finest exhibition of art from the Near Eastern tradition of religio and decoration ever to come to the Kimbell Art Museum," she added.

Internationally renowned for its size, breadth and quality, Prince Sadruddin's celebrated collection contains hundreds of examples of books, graphic arts, metalwork and pottery that testify to the richness of the visual inspired by Islam.

Visitors to the museum here see objects dating from the 9th to the 19th century, and they reflect the far-flung geographic extent of Islamic influence, with examples from North Africa, Spain, Ottoman Turkey, Iran and India. They focus upon the pictorial and calligraphic arts displayed in religious texts, as well as works of history, philosophy and literature.



TAUNTING: This picture of monkeys jostling a lion is taken from an early 15th century Iranian manuscript.

The exhibition's catalogue, written by two Islamic scholars, Anthony Welch and Stuart Cary Welch, points out that it was the pre-eminence of the Qur'an in Muslim life that raised calligraphy to the highest form of art.

"The qalam, or reed pen, is said to have been the first of God's creation, and the Prophet's cousin and son-in-law, 'Ali, the first calligrapher," the authors of the catalogue write, adding, "It was the scribe who could perform the most pious of arts, the copying of God's words."

In addition to beautifully bound whole manuscripts, the exhibition here contains numerous single illustrated pages from other dispersed manuscripts that reflect indigenous cultural traditions. Examples from Iran cover the early period of Islamic art from the 13th to the 15th centuries, with the paintings from the Safavid period in the 16th and 17th centuries forming the majority.

Particularly notable are paintings from the Persian epic poem of the 10th century, the *Shahnameh* (Book of Kings) made in the 16th century for a great patron of painting, Shah Tahmasp (r. 1524-76), as well as pages from an incomplete *Shahnameh* made for his successor, Ismail II (r. 1576-77).

Paintings from India include important portraits of great Mogul leaders as well as illustrations of legends, poems and stories of Islamic and Hindu origin.

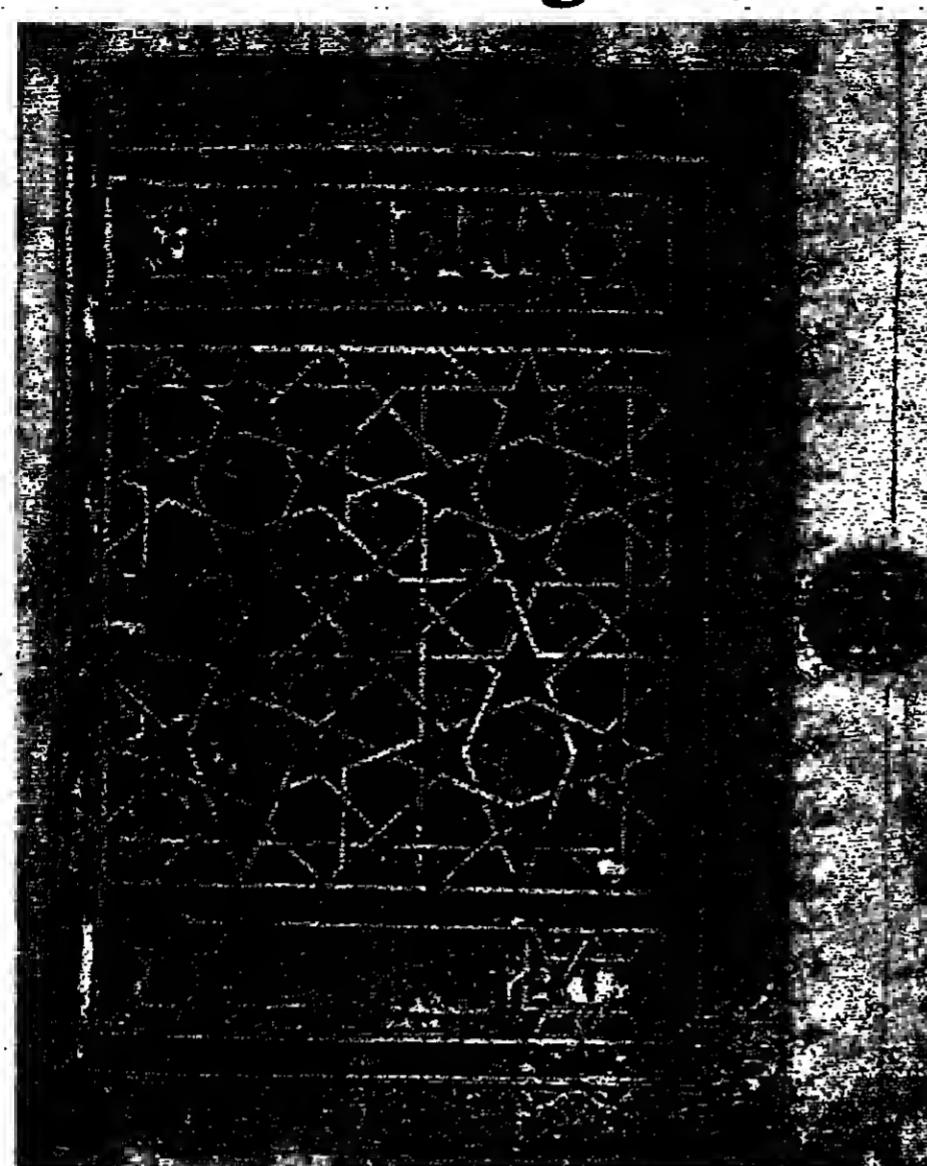
One work that particularly caught the reporter's eye was a page from a Qur'an done in North Africa in the late 9th or early 10th century. Written in gold Kufic style of script on blue vellum, its oblong horizontal format is characteristic of early Qur'ans, as is the lack of diacritical marks. Its sumptuousness makes it unlikely that this manuscript of Islam's central scripture was anything other than a royal production, made either for a caliph or as a caliphal donation to a major religious center.

Other Muslim manuscripts represented include historical works such as the Ottoman illustrated manuscript of the *Tarikh-i-Ul-Lat*; philosophical treatises such as the *Ethics* of Nasir al-Din Tusi of India and literary works such as the late 16th century *Anvar-i-Safadi*, commissioned and probably illustrated by the leading Safavid Iranian painter Sadiq Bek.

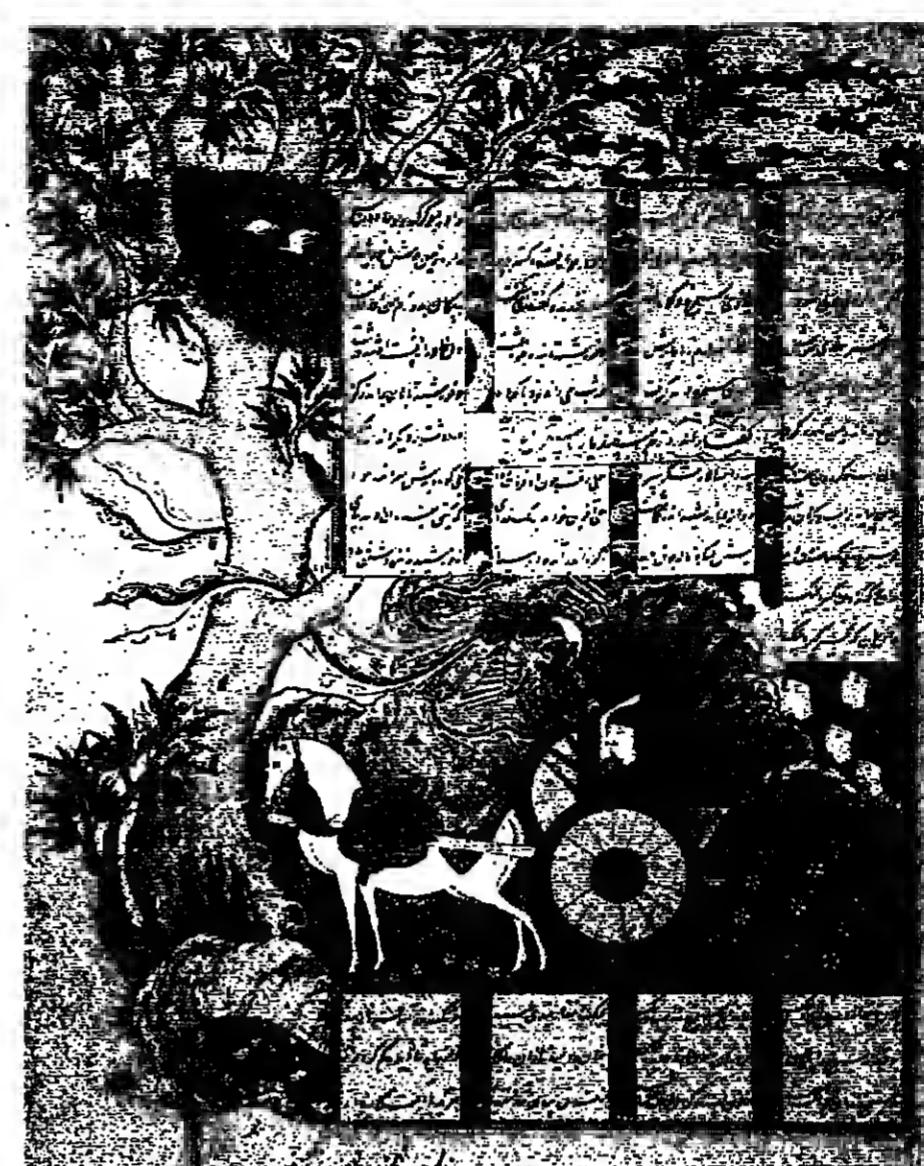
The exhibition also includes a few examples of pottery, long an area of particular interest to Prince Sadruddin. The prince who has had a distinguished career at the United Nations, including 12 years as High Commissioner for Refugees (1965-1977) began his collection in the early 1950s while he was a student at Harvard University.

Although some of the objects in the collection came from his parents, most of the pieces were assembled over 30 years by the prince himself. The collection is located in Geneva, Switzerland, and this show, organized by the Asia Society, New York, is the first attempt to give the collection a wide circulation.

The exhibition was selected by Anthony Welch, professor of Islamic art at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, and Stuart Cary Welch, senior lecturer in fine arts at Harvard University and special consultant in charge of Islamic art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. The scholars, who are not related, also produced the text for the catalogue that accompanies the exhibition.



MASTERWORKS: One of the most important pieces on display in Fort Worth is this page from Qur'an (1399) which originally belonged to Gwalior Fort, India. Right: A page from the famous Persian epic Shahnameh (1576-77). Below, left: An Ottoman official (Turkey-1650). Right: A boy painted by the Iranian artist Riza-yi Abbasi in 1625.



Soviet military plans raise alarm signals in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Soviet Union has embarked on a massive "expansion" and "modernization" of its military capabilities in all fields, including space, in an obvious bid to project its power beyond its boundaries, a U.S. Defense Department study said Wednesday.

"There is nothing hypothetical about the Soviet military machine," Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger wrote in a preface to the study. "Its expansion, modernization and contribution to projection of power beyond Soviet boundaries are obvious."

The study, which attempts to assess overall Soviet military strength as of the end of last month, suggests that Moscow is "trying to dominate the world," according to one U.S. intelligence source.

The Pentagon in the report appears especially concerned by the fact that Moscow has begun to test two new types of intercontinental missiles, as well as a long-range strategic bomber and sea-to-ground and air-to-ground Cruise missiles.

But it also notes that the Soviet Union has developed the world's fastest submarine and biggest helicopter, and has now massed more than half its divisions opposite forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Western and Northern Europe.

One of the most dramatic — and unnerving — technological developments, according to the study, is the appearance of the prototype of a successor to the Soviet bomber, Tupolev-99.

The new plane, codenamed "Blackjack," with a range of 7,300 kms and a maximum speed of mach 2.3, will be able in three or four years to reach the United States without mid-air refueling and to strike any point in the country, the study found.

Capable of carrying air-to-ground Cruise missiles, the Pentagon said, the Blackjack could elude U.S. air defenses unless they are significantly strengthened. Intelligence sources said approximately 75 such planes should become operational at the end of the

decade.

The Pentagon report found that Soviet air defenses "are the most massive in the world" and cautioned against evaluations of their capacity on the basis of what has been provided to other countries.

"No Soviet client state has been provided with anything comparable to the highly integrated Soviet air defense system," according to the study.

Two new solid fuel intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM) are now being developed, the Pentagon said. One of the two is "about the size of the (U.S.) MX intended for site deployment."

The other "is a smaller missile, which will probably be designed for deployment on mobile launchers similar to those used with the (Soviet) SS-20 theater weapons."

In Eastern Europe, the Pentagon said, the Soviet Union has deployed several hundred examples of its most modern tank, the T-80, which can withstand radioactive fallout as well as chemical and bacteriological weapons.

"A dramatic shift in the proportion of these modern tanks, as part of the total Soviet inventory opposite NATO, has

occurred," the document noted.

Since 1978 the Soviets have given priority to the forces opposite NATO, enabling them to conduct rapid offensive operations, characterized by shock action, massive firepower and high mobility."

The tank component of confronting Western Europe, the Pentagon said, includes the modern T-66 and T-72 models, in addition to the T-80, and constitutes more than half of the entire Soviet tank force.

Ninety-four of the country's 190 divisions are now stationed opposite the central and northern wings of NATO and are being equipped with several new pieces of artillery, such as two new-type 152 mm cannon that can launch nuclear warheads, according to the Pentagon.

The attack helicopter force has been approximately doubled in size (from 400 in 1978 to 800 today) and technologically upgraded," the study said.

The Soviet Union, it added, has brought out "the world's largest helicopter, capable of carrying internally two airborne infantry combat vehicles or about 100 combat-loaded troops."

At sea, the study found, the Soviet Union

is trying to assemble "the world's largest submarine force" in order to "protect the seaward approaches to Warsaw Pact territory" and "to neutralize allied maritime forces."

Of greatest concern to the Pentagon was the launching in recent months of a huge nuclear submarine of the "Typhoon" type, the first of a series of such vessels. The Typhoon should be capable of launching 20 SS-NX-20 intercontinental ballistic missiles.

U.S. defense planners were also concerned about the performance of the "Alpha" nuclear-powered attack submarine, which have titanium hulls and are the fastest in the world with a submerged speed of 40 knots.

The Soviet Navy, according to the Pentagon, has also acquired backfire bombers, with a range of 5,500 kms, that can carry air-to-sea missiles. In space, "with the development and employment of an orbital anti-satellite weapon over a decade ago," the study said, "the Soviet Union clearly signaled its recognition of space as an arena in which to conduct war."

None of the aims of the new heavy-lift launcher systems now in development is the deployment by 1990 of a "large manned space station" that could weigh more than 100 tons, the Pentagon said.

There is, furthermore, a good chance that Moscow will begin to manufacture a space shuttle similar to the *Columbia* and the *Challenger* produced by the United States, as well as a smaller space plane, the Pentagon said.

The Soviet Union already has also developed "killer" satellites that can destroy other low orbiting satellites and, since the 1960s, has developed electronic reconnaissance systems in space.

"Each year," the study disclosed, "over 50 of these (reconnaissance) satellites are launched to support military forces on a daily basis."



SPY IN THE SKY: Built by Lockheed for the U.S. Air Force, this black spy plane known as the USA TR-1 can see over 56 kms into enemy territory from friendly airspace.

Shadow of Stalin still falls on Moscow

By Mark Frankland

MOSCOW (LOS) — Thirty years ago the Soviet Union and much of the world beyond was shaken by the news of the death of Stalin. Three decades is a short time in history and no one should be surprised that the great dictator's shadow should still fall heavily across this country. It is there when one travels through the marble palace stations of the Moscow subway for six cents a ride — Stalin's demagogic gesture to a people whom he sweated to build a powerful state.

It is there when the plamers consider the latest harvest, for Stalin not only took from the peasants to create the industry that alone could give him the sort of power he wanted. He came close, too, to destroying by his bloody collectivization the village Russia that was for centuries the country's heart and soul. It is there in the handsome uniforms that Stalin restored to his soldiers and which would delight the generals of the old Russian empire. And it is there, too, around today's leadership who still inhabit a world of power apart, practitioners of the mystique of command that Stalin imposed on a utopian revolution. Although there are Russians, some even close to power, who fight to escape from the shadow, few are surprised by its presence. Power and pain are twin themes in Russian history, as natural partners as sun and moon.

Great leaders have usually brought pain and they remain vivid in the popular mind. A Moscow theater is presently playing a drama about Ivan the Terrible, Who Ivan makes his first appearance accompanied by Malyutin Skuyatov, whom every Russian schoolchild knows was the Czar's Beria, the audience sits chilled as if unsure this is only history. This particular shadow has for the most part been removed from Soviet life, Beria, the last practitioner of the evil trade Stalin's police chief, has been condemned to utter, disapproving silence. The lawlessness that was so essential to Stalin's autocracy has been done away with, not least because this is in the interest of the new ruling establishment.

A decree of the Central Committee, issued under Krushchev, forbids the secret police from investigating members of the Central Committee, the party's high command. It remains in force whatever may have happened to the rest of the Krushchev's works. All Soviet citizens in some measure benefit from this. To demolish more of the Stalio legacy, though, is to come dangerously close to shaking the Soviet system. The emergence of Yuri Andropov as the new party leader nevertheless raises the problem again, even if there is small promise of substantial change.

The dilemma is that the party is Stalin's beneficiary. Pushkin imagined the dying Boris Godunov, supposed to have murdered his way to the throne, warning his son not to ask how he had achieved supreme power. "It is enough that you are innocent. You will now rule by right." The party today is indeed largely innocent of direct involvement to Stalin's crimes. Andropov was only a junior party secretary in a town far from Moscow when Stalin died. The baby of the Politburo, Mikhail Gorbachev, was still a teenager in 1953.

This explains the closing of the ranks around Stalin's memory who Krushchev was removed from power 19 years ago. In 1970 a bust of Stalin was put on his grave in the Kremlin behind the Lenin Mausoleum from which Krushchev had had his embalmed corpse secretly and without ceremony removed. "Government," a foreign writer commented, "do not erect monuments, even small ones, to people they consider criminals."

By 1979, the hundredth anniversary of his birth, official notices referred only to a "negative" side in Stalin and to his "mistakes". When his old comrade in arms, Anasatia Mikoyan, had died a year earlier he was denied the honor of a burial in the Kremlin because Brezhnev and other members of the Politburo recalled with distaste Mikoyan's brave criticism of Stalin in the Krushchev period.

Last month when three newspapers printed articles to commemorate the ninetieth anniversary of the birth of Marshal Tukhachevsky, the most brilliant military mind the Soviet Union has known, there was not a hint that Stalin had had him killed in 1937. The life of the man who had foreseen the coming war with Germany, whose name was also mentioned in the Krushchev period.

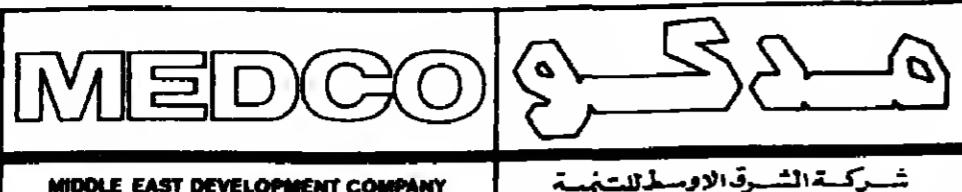
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It is difficult to find anyone in Moscow who believes that Andropov will pick up the Krushchev axe to chop away anew at this bowdlerized Stalin legend.

One of the unplanned results of Brezhnev's partial rehabilitation of Stalin was the dissident movement. The 1966 trial of Sinyavsky and Daniel marked the beginning of a neo-Stalinist attack on alternative thinking, even on that which tried to stick to Marxist-Leninist rails.

The charges against Nikolai Bukharin, the party leader and thinker whom Stalin had executed in 1938, are apparently again in force though Krushchev had dropped them. Bukharin is an inspiration for many who believe that Marxism-Leninism can and should be adapted. As long as he remains under anathema, experimental thinking will be dangerous — as the group of Moscow intellectuals presently waiting trial for their "Eurocommunist opinions" have discovered.

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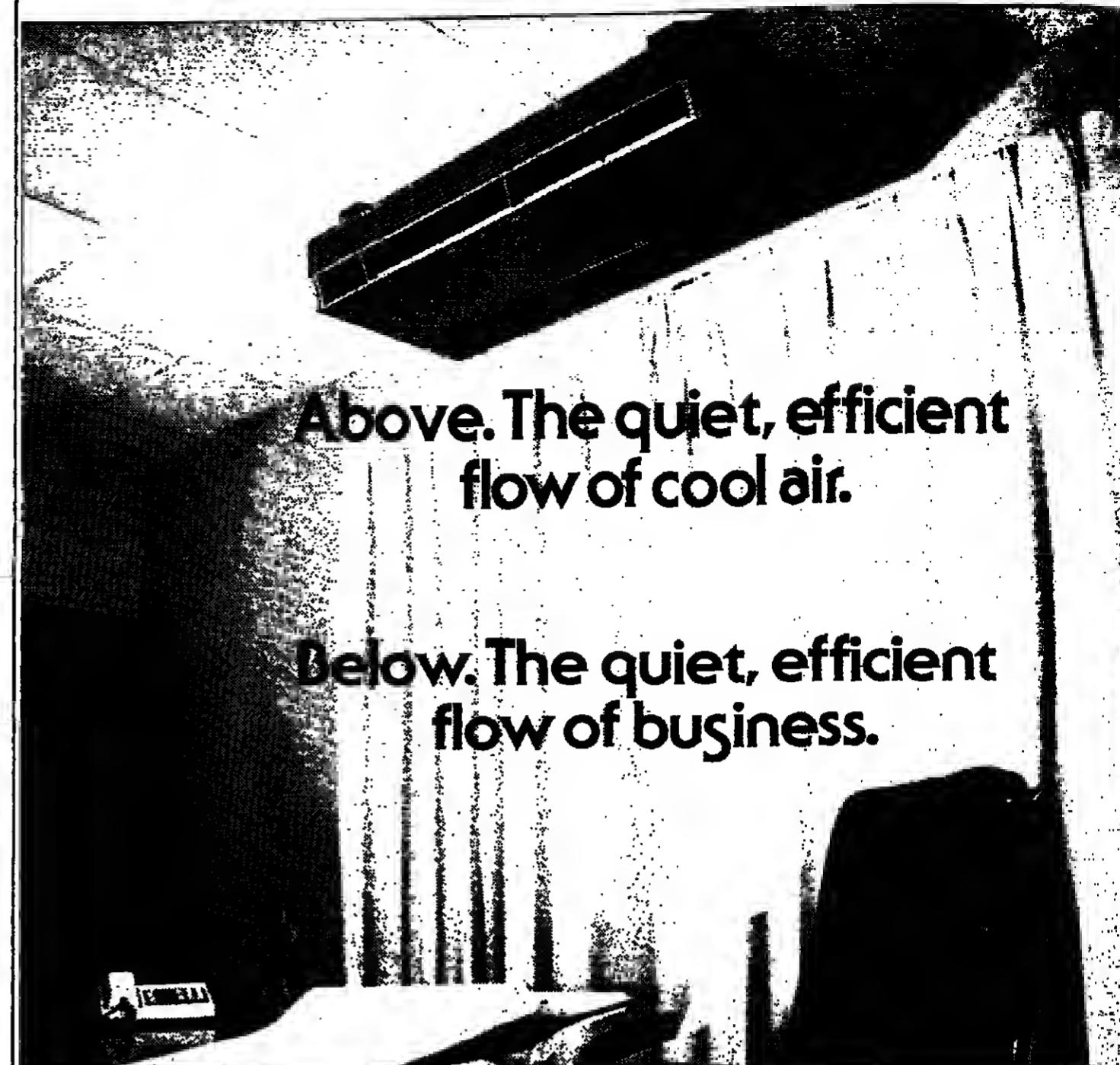
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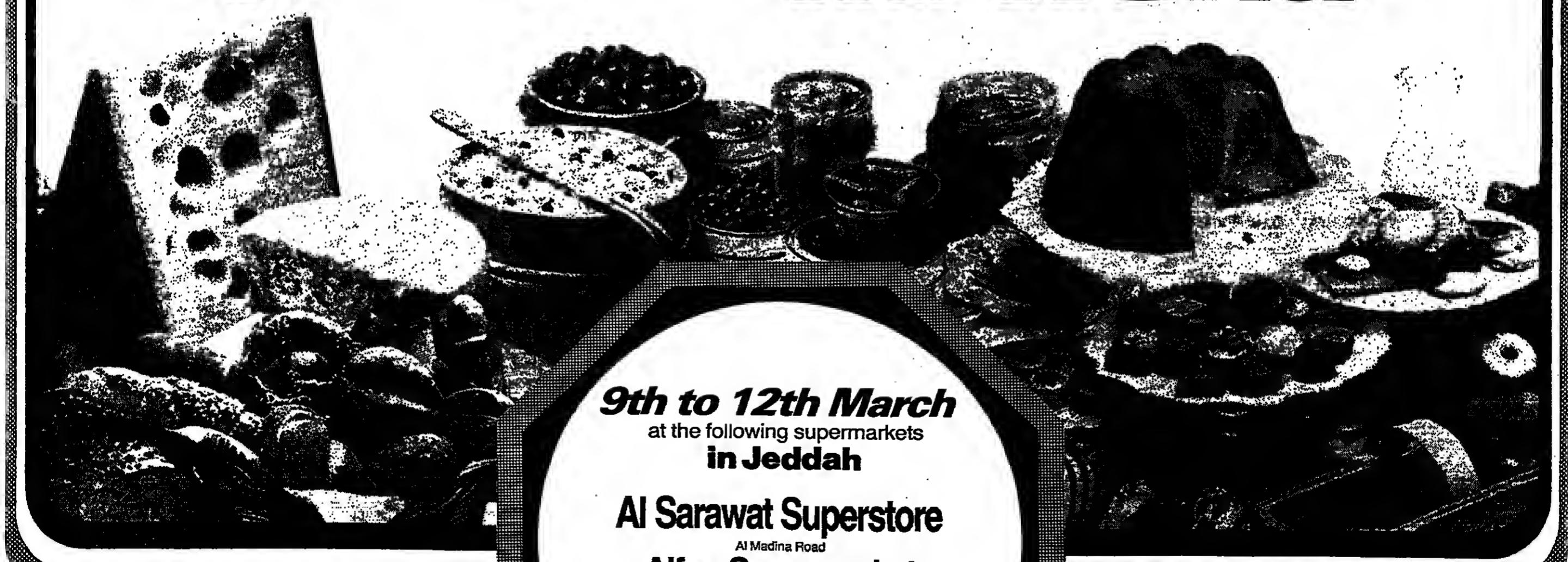
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Rebuff for union**U.K. miners shy off from going on strike**

LONDON, March 9 (R) — Britain's 200,000 miners have rejected the advice of union leaders and voted against a national strike over threatened closure of unprofitable mines, the BBC reported Tuesday night.

The vote has still not been counted, but the BBC said its countrywide survey of union officials, who were well aware of how voting had gone in their areas, left no doubt that the strike call had been rejected.

The Press Association, Britain's national news agency, said the miners seemed to have delivered a slap in the face to their militant leader, Arthur Scargill. The forecast result was interpreted on all sides as a major victory for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government.

Warning miners that their industry would be destroyed unless they voted for a strike, Scargill had sought a confrontation with Thatcher over the state-owned coal industry's plan to close a single, loss-making pit in Wales.

Scargill would need a 55 percent vote to endorse the national strike call of the miners' union executive. Reports from mining districts indicated that even in Yorkshire, Scargill's base and a traditionally militant area, the vote might be going against a strike.

In most other regions except Wales, Scotland and the relative small Kentish Mines, the strike call was being rejected, the BBC said. The strike vote had been tied up closely with

EEC bid to end subsidy impasse

BRUSSELS, March 9 (R) — European Economic Community agricultural ministers met Tuesday to try to break a deadlock over farm subsidies which has stalled negotiations on Spain's entry into the 10-nation bloc.

The ministers heard proposals from the European Commission to change the community's price support schemes for olive oil, fruit and vegetables and pave the way for Spanish entry.

France has insisted that the new measures be agreed before negotiations start in earnest on Spanish integration into the community's agricultural price support schemes.

Diplomats said 1986 was now regarded as the earliest date for Spain to join the community, and that could recede even further if existing members did not settle the farm issues.

The Paris government fears that the community could be swamped by a massive "olive oil lake" once Spain joins the community, while its fruit and vegetable producers could be undercut by cheap Spanish competition.

Officials said the commission's plan hinged on a lengthy transition period before Spanish olive oil producers were brought within community schemes, combined with wider price support measures for fruit and vegetables.

Indonesia acts to up oil output

JAKARTA, March 9 (R) — Indonesia's state oil company Pertamina, in an effort to boost sagging production, has told buyers that it will backdate any OPEC price reduction to February 23, a Pertamina spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman said the move was not a departure by Indonesia from the OPEC price structure. Any new OPEC price would apply to oil sales contracted on or after Feb. 23, he said.

Oil ministers from OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — are meeting in London in an effort to agree on a price cut. The news of Indonesia's decision to backdate any cut was also reported by the semi-official Antara news agency.

Indonesia, which is dependent on oil for 70 percent of its foreign exchange earnings, was producing 1.61 million barrels of oil per day (bpd) before the world oil glut.

Sri Lanka plans to boost exports

COLOMBO, March 9 (AFP) — Faced with an acute balance of payments deficit, Sri Lanka has decided to push ahead with increasing production and exports as its priorities for the next few years.

Presenting the first budget of the ruling United National Party since the government extended its term another six years after a December referendum, Finance Minister Ronnie de Mel said the only priority in the coming years would be increasing production and expanding exports.

Many of De Mel's proposals, such as increasing government subsidies for replanting of tea and rubber, removing the tax on gem and jewelry exports and a higher floor price for rice production, were aimed at achieving this end.

De Mel told parliament Tuesday that the current account deficit for 1982 was estimated at 618 million SDRs (\$683.62 million). In 1977 there was a current account surplus of 70 million SDRs (\$76.3 million).

Farmers boo Mauroy

PARIS, March 9 (AFP) — Boos and derisive whistles from several hundred rowdy demonstrators forced French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy to cut short his visit to the annual agricultural show here Tuesday.

The trouble started on the premier's arrival, when he was greeted by shouts of "Chirac, Chirac" and "Mauroy resign" from dozens of farmers.

This was in reference to the first round of national municipal elections on Sunday, in which the government suffered severe setbacks to the right. Mauroy, who is also mayor of Lille, failed to clinch his seat in the first round and faces a run-off this Sunday.

The mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, won a resounding victory in the capital. The Neo-Gaullist Chirac is also leader of the main opposition grouping, Rally for the Republic (RPR).

**Circumventing video curbs
Japan to beard the French lion in his den**

PARIS, March 9 (AFP) — Japanese video makers have drawn the lesson from the "Battle of Poitiers", as it is widely termed.

Poitiers was the place in central France where the French leader known as Charles the Hammer won a decisive battle against invaders in the year 732. It is also the site, remote from the entry points, chosen last autumn by the French government to centralize customs clearance for video tape recorders (VTR's), thus dealing a hammer blow to imports from abroad.

But the Japanese, worst hit by the measure, are more tenacious than the medieval invaders. Their manufacturers are now opening up factories fast in Western Europe, evidently prepared to admit that red tape stronger than the video version.

Akai, the only Japanese video equipment manufacturer in France, has started making VTR's at Honfleur near Le Havre a year ahead of schedule, and Sony-France plans to make video cassettes at Dax near Bordeaux.

Sanyo is to start production at its television set factory in Britain. Sharp has similar plans in Spain, and Hitachi and Matsushita intend to manufacture in West Germany.

Japan and the European Economic Community (EEC) reached a settlement in mid-February covering VTR shipment volume for three years. A maximum of 4,550,000 units will be allowed into the community this year, which compares with 4,000,000 sold last year. Initially Japan had bid for a ceiling of 6,000,000 while the EEC wanted 3,000,000.

But Tuesday at the opening of a video show in Paris, Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy snubbed the Japanese stands. He takes the view that the settlement is "widely insufficient" and said France would keep Japanese trade figures under special close scrutiny.

The Tokyo authorities hope France will abandon its Poitiers fortifications at an early date. The Japanese manufacturers have said they intend to play to the rules of the game and have sent emissaries to their importing companies to discuss the maximum volume permitted in each case under the EEC accord.

Fed chief urges raising tax on oil

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Agencies) — U.S. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker Tuesday urged Congress to raise taxes on oil to offset a sharp drop in world oil prices and prevent a relaxation of U.S. energy conservation efforts.

The central bank chief advocated speeding up President Reagan's five-dollar-a-barrel tax on domestic and imported oil proposed for October 1985 to raise government revenues and keep the federal budget deficit from exploding.

At a House of Representatives Budget Committee hearing, Volcker offered few specifics on his speed-up plan except that oil taxes should be imposed if oil prices dropped to \$2.5 a barrel. "That is a point (at which) I would get increasingly concerned," he said.

Volcker said a sharp oil price drop and a relaxation of U.S. energy conservation efforts would imply the possibility of a strong rebound in future oil prices, boosting inflation.

Later, addressing the Senate Budget Committee, Volcker said that the U.S. economy had begun "a longer-lasting, non-inflationary recovery" but that to maintain it, the federal budget deficit must be narrowed and energy taxes raised.

In addition, "we will get lower interest rates," because of the drop in oil prices, he said. But the Fed chairman warned that failure by Congress to cut federal spending would threaten the economic recovery because of the size of loans the treasury would be forced to float on money markets.

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'Sweeter than normal downturn'

Shipping outlook termed gloomy

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP) — The current outlook of the world shipping trade is a scene of almost unrelied gloom all around the globe from London to Yokohama, a New York business publication indicates.

"The depression in international shipping is so acute," says *The New York Journal of Commerce*, "that some shipping finance specialists think that what is taking place is not simply a steeper than normal downturn in a traditionally cyclical industry." Instead, they predict that fundamental structural changes will eventually alter the way in which shipping business is conducted. Here are some details of a worldwide shipping survey, as outlined in a special section of the *Journal* this week:

In the past 10 years, the volume of world trade transported by sea rose only two percent. Meanwhile, the tonnage of shipping rose 50 percent. As a result, more than 1,000 vessels totaling a fleet of 60 million tons are unemployed. And as a further result, says the newspaper, "freight rates depressed to the lowest levels in decades show no promises of strengthening."

In individual countries, the picture appears like this:

— Looking back at a disastrous 1982 West Germany's sea shipping industry is resigned

that 1983 will not be much better. "No marked improvement is in sight on the world's shipping markets," according to Bernd Kroeger, managing director of the German shipowners' Association.

In Japan, "none of the analysts have been able to see any signs of improvement on the horizon. If anything, the industry's situation is worse than in 1982."

The British shipping industry, one of the star performers of the last decade, "is now languishing in its worst recession since the 1930s, and there seems to be little that shipowners or the government can do to halt the decline of the fleet." The British merchant marine has fallen from a peak of 1,614 ships and more than 50 million tons in 1975 to less than 900 ships and under 27 million tons today.

The French shipping industry also expects another bad year, but the government says "it will minimize the damage and lay the groundwork for eventual new growth." The *Journal* says France plans to subsidize fleet additions when ships are taken out of service and, "thanks to a 'ship French' policy that some might consider protectionist," it even hopes to expand the French merchant fleet.

In Greece also, things look a little more hopeful than elsewhere. The Socialist government, alarmed by declining earnings from

Greece's huge merchant marine, has made concessions to Greek shipowners that the *Journal* says "would have seemed outside reality only a few months ago for an administration so closely tied to trade union support."

In fact, the president of the Union of Greek Shipowners, Aristomenis Karageorgis, even predicts that 1983 will be the last really bad year. "Already," he says, "there are signals from the U.S. and Europe" suggesting a slow recovery in freight conditions starting around the end of this year and gathering momentum in 1984.

But meanwhile, the *Journal* says that economic realities are already imposing on the world shipping industry changes which will "force shipping to return to its basic roots as a supplier of cargo transportation service. The turnaround will involve a drastic contraction of shipyard capacity, the systematic scrapping of many vessels, and changes in banking practices which have encouraged expansion by marginal companies. Although this transformation has already caused painful dislocations, particularly among shipbuilders, some think it will ultimately produce a healthier environment in which the business is no longer used either as a vehicle for risk-oriented venture capital or as an instrument of government policy to the extent that it is today."

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Bonn vetoes French bid to take over Grundig

FUERTH, West Germany, March 9 (R) — West Germany's Federal Cartel Office has vetoed a planned takeover of the Grundig electronics firm by France's state-owned Thomson-Brandt concern. A Grundig spokesman said Wednesday. He said the takeover idea had therefore been dropped.

The plan was supported by the French government in the hope that closer European cooperation would provide more effective competition to the Japanese challenge in electronics.

Thomson signed a letter of intent last November to take a 75.5 percent stake in Grundig, at an estimated cost of about one billion marks (\$100 million).

The move was seen by some French officials as a test case for Franco-German industrial cooperation. But the idea was criticized by West German politicians and industrialists opposed to state involvement in business and by trade unions alarmed at the prospect of

major redundancies at Grundig.

Conservative Bavarian Economics Minister Anton Jaumann said last month Thomson would make big cuts in the 30,000 workforce if its bid for a controlling stake were allowed to go ahead.

Philips, the Dutch electronics group, and two other German companies, Siemens and Bosch, have held talks with Grundig on a possible alternative to the Thomson merger. Philips already has a 24.5 percent stake in Grundig.

The cartel office decision came as no surprise to the industry because the planned takeover would have given the new group dominance in the home electronics market.

A few minutes after the cartel office's decision was made known, another West German electrical concern, AEG-Telefunken, announced that Thomson planned to take a 75 percent stake in its Telefunken television and radio subsidiary.

In West Germany's biggest corporate failure, AEG called in a receiver last August and sought a court-supervised settlement with its creditors.

The creditors were meeting in Frankfurt Wednesday and were expected to approve terms under which they will receive 40 percent of their claims.

AEG said it signed a binding contract with Thomson Tuesday on the Telefunken stake, but added that it was subject to approval by both the French and West German cartel authorities.

BRIEFS

LIVERPOOL (R) — Production at the giant Ford Motor plant at Halewood was at a standstill early Wednesday after 1,400 men walked out over the sacking of a worker accused of vandalism. A company spokesman said: "1,400 men on the assembly lines decided to walk out and another 1,600 workers have been laid off."

WASHINGTON (R) — The Reagan administration, which came to power vowing to scale down government operations, Tuesday proposed to sell the nation's weather satellites to a private industry.

ANKARA (R) — Tough restrictions on Turkish T-shirt and cotton cloth exports by the European Economic Community are a negative move that injects a sour note into efforts to resolve trade differences, a senior Turkish minister said Wednesday. But the action should not affect a current bid to find a solution to disputes between Turkey and the Community, External Economic Affairs Minister Sermet Refik Pasin told Reuters.

PEKING (R) — China is to encourage its peasants to buy shares in local cooperatives in a bid to raise rural living standards, the New China News Agency reported Tuesday. Shares had already been raised successfully in more than 613 countries, and this year the system would be introduced nationwide, it said.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The U.S. Senate has refused to ratify an international treaty providing for a \$320,000 indemnity for air passengers killed or injured in civil aviation accidents. The so-called Montreal Protocol, signed in the Canadian city in 1975, needed a two-thirds majority in the upper house, but only 50 of the 100 Senators voted for it.

LONDON (AFP) — Hong Kong officials are currently touring Britain, urging companies here to offer their North Sea oil expertise to China in the multimillion dollar development of the South China Seas oil reserves. In conjunction with members of British Embassy in Peking, a delegation from the Hong Kong Trade Commission has been meeting industrial leaders in London and the North Sea oil center of Aberdeen, sources close to the delegation said.

4 U.S. banks settle claims against Iran

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R) — Four more U.S. banks settled loan claims against Iran that date back to the Iranian hostage situation in 1979 and 1980, the Treasury Department has said.

The banks will be paid \$8.7 million from a special \$1.42 billion account that was set up in early 1981 to aid the release of 52 Americans who had been held hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran since the autumn of 1979.

The account, in the Bank of England, is separate from one covering corporate and individual claims against Iran.

The banks are Allied Bank International of New York, First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, the Fidelity Bank of Philadelphia and American Security Bank of Washington, D.C. So far five U.S. banks have reached agreement with Iran's Central Bank, Bank Markazi.

Last month, the department announced Chemical Bank of New York had reached the first settlement with Iran, to receive \$26.4 million. The treasury said other U.S. banks are scheduled to negotiate in London with Bank Markazi representatives and further settlements are expected in the next few months.

Venezuela firms oppose new exchange rate

CARACAS, March 9 (R) — Private companies in Venezuela say they will go bankrupt or be forced to close down if they are made to pay back foreign debts at new high exchange rates.

Businessmen's anger has grown since the government of President Luis Herrera Campins introduced a new three-tier exchange rate last month in a bid to lessen the effects of declining oil revenues and halt a flight of money out of the country. The government decreed that firms in the private sector will have to repay their estimated \$7 billion of foreign debt at a floating rate of about 7.5 bolivars to the dollar or seek rescheduling agreements over three years from 1984 with creditor banks.

The public sector, on the other hand, will make its repayments at the old bolivar parity of 4.3 to the dollar. A rate of six bolivars to the dollar has been set for medium-priority imports. Venezuela is a member of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and at first the measures to halt the flight of currency were welcomed as a drop in the world price of oil, the country's main currency-earner, became likely.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:35 p.m. Wednesday

| | Cash | Transfer |
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| Bahrain Dinar | 9.25 | 9.15 |
| Bangladesh Taka | 14.20 | 14.10 |
| Belgian Franc (1,000) | 74.00 | 72.70 |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.82 | |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 144.00 | 142.96 |
| Dutch Guilder (100) | 129.25 | 129.06 |
| Egyptian Pound | 3.10 | 3.19 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | 93.25 | 93.76 |
| French Franc (1,000) | 50.80 | 50.40 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | 38.00 | 41.45 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | 34.51 | |
| Irani Rial (100) | 5.80 | |
| Iraqi Dinar | 24.60 | 24.16 |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 15.30 | 14.59 |
| Jordanian Dinar | 9.75 | 9.65 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 11.85 | 11.76 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | 84.00 | 82.80 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | 53.00 | 53.11 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | 28.10 | 26.80 |
| Philippines Peso (100) | 36.40 | |
| Pound Sterling | 5.26 | 5.19 |
| Qatari Rial (100) | 94.25 | 94.60 |
| Singapore Dollar (100) | 160.00 | 160.00 |
| Spanish Peseta (1,000) | 26.25 | |
| Swiss Franc (100) | 168.50 | 167.34 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | 60.80 | 61.50 |
| Turkish Lira (1,000) | 3.45 | 3.44 |
| U.S. Dollar | 75.15 | 75.15 |
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Financial Roundup

Dollar improves; pound weak

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 9 — The American currency was firmer on the Tuesday exchanges due to some renewed concern over the direction of U.S. interest rates which have tended to firm over the past few days. The growth in the U.S. money supply

figures has also indicated that the Federal Reserve Board will not act to bring down its discount or prime lending rates to stimulate the economy. On Tuesday night, the Federal Reserve "Fed Fund" prime lending rate traded around the 8 1/2 percent with no sign of the "Fed" pumping liquidity into the banking system. Eurodollar deposit rates firmed by around 1/8 to 1/4 percent in the first such moves over the past 10 days and the one month rate traded over the 9 percent level at 9 1/4 percent Wednesday. The longer dated funds were also stronger at 9 7/16 percent in the one year level with dealers saying that the markets were generally more active on Wednesday.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices were erratic and traded at around Tuesday levels but silver prices rose by around 10-15 cents an ounce in a late spurt of trading on Wednesday. Gold traded at \$432 an ounce but silver was up at \$10.67.

Some selling pressure later developed in the gold markets as no progress news was reported from the present London OPEC talks. Dealers expect gold prices to continue to be erratic to weak over the weekend due to the rise in dollar interest rates as well as the OPEC pricing uncertainties.

The exchanges were in a nervous mood

on Wednesday with the various currencies of the European Monetary System (EMS) being subjected to severe tests. The French franc in particular had to be helped by various European central banks in an effort to keep it off the EMS floor and despite the record high French interest rates now seen. The Belgian government announced a rise in the discount rate to 14 percent from the previous 11 percent while the Bank of England watched the German mark's performance very closely in determining by how much it will step in to prop the pound. The sterling was extremely weak at 1.5010 levels while the German mark was also down on profit-taking to take the price to 2.4080 after it had briefly touched the 2.3890 levels after the news of the conservative elections in Germany. In other currency news, the Swiss franc fell to 2.0590 levels while the Japanese yen was also down at 237.90 levels.

The domestic markets saw rial deposit rates rise to 7 1/2 percent for short dated funds while the longer tenors traded around the 8 1/4 percent levels. The week fixed deal at 7 1/4 - 7 1/2 percent in some active trading while on the exchange markets spot rial/dollar rates ranged around the 3.4405-09 levels in view of the dollar's rise in Europe.

The following are closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

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China warns of fictitious loan offers

PEKING, March 9 (AFP) — The chairman of the Chinese Central Bank Wednesday hit out at "international swindlers" acting as middlemen who offer big loans at absurdly low interest rates.

The offers turned out to be fictitious and the crooks' sole motive was the commission they got, said Bank Chairman Bu Ming in the business newspaper *Jingji Ribao*.

In the past five years, the Chinese Central Bank had received 200 of these fraudulent loan offers, amounting to between \$3,000 million and \$4,000 million in all. But the chairman of the bank, which handles all this country's foreign exchange transactions, did not say whether China had been taken in by any of the tricksters.

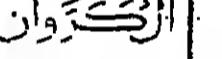
The man said the money was made available by an Arab country, which stipulated that the funds were to be used for modernizing the Chinese Army, and that China should guarantee the security of the lender country.

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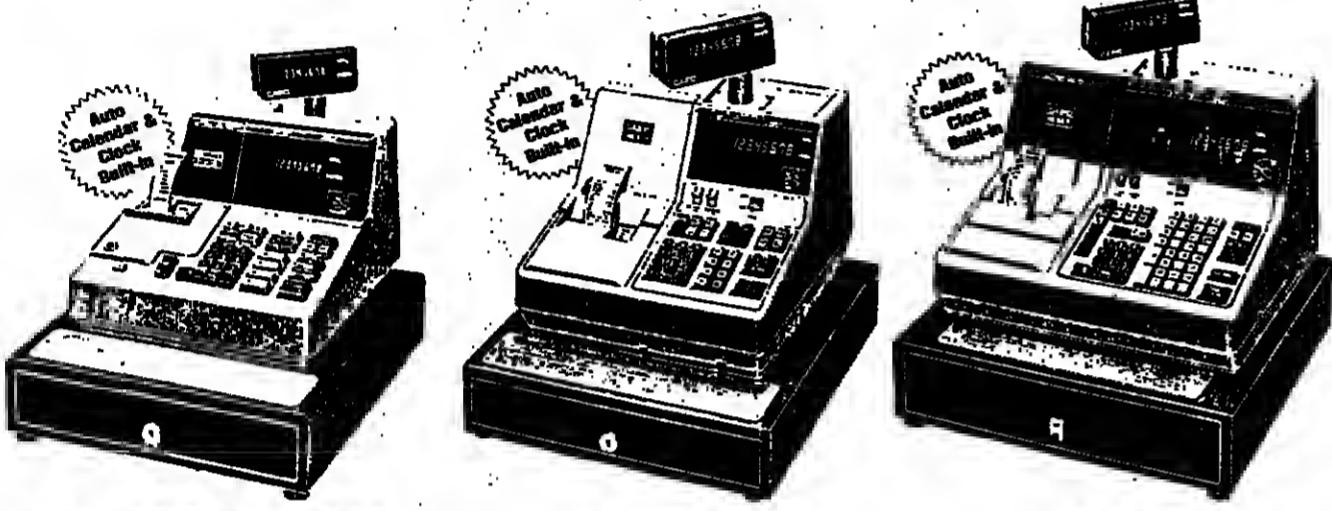


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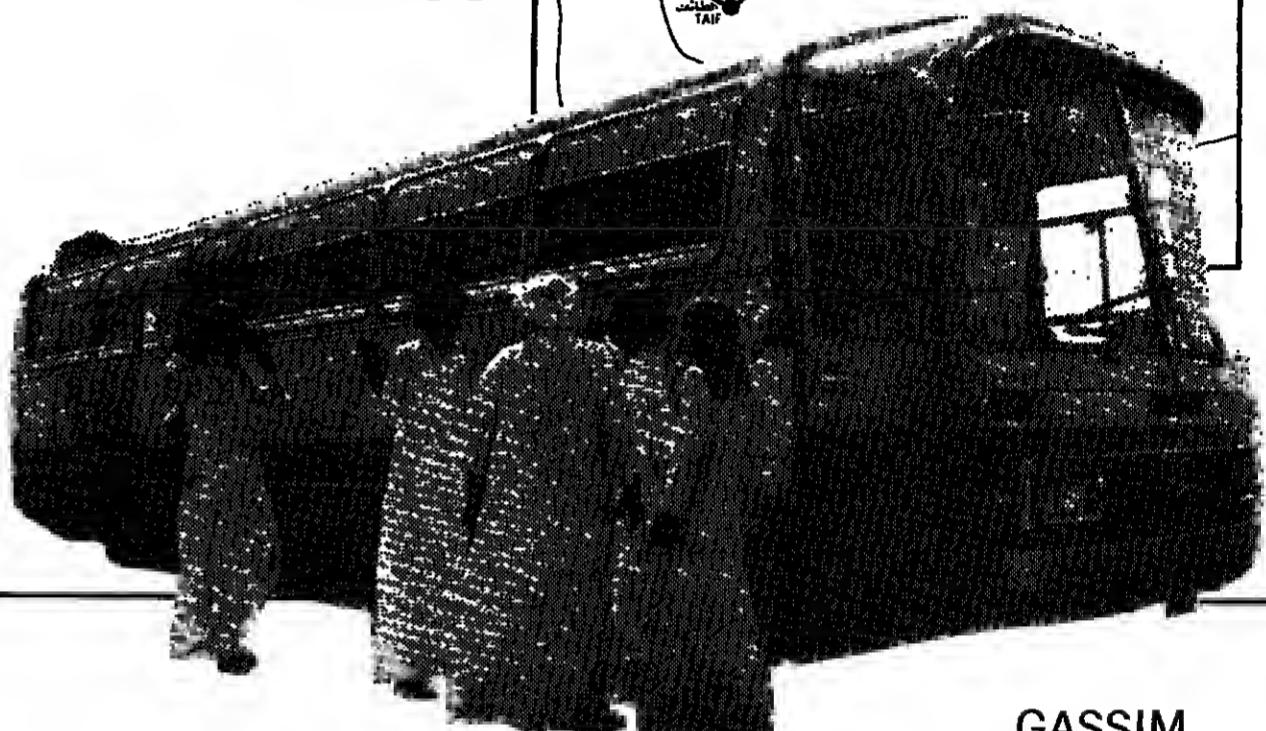
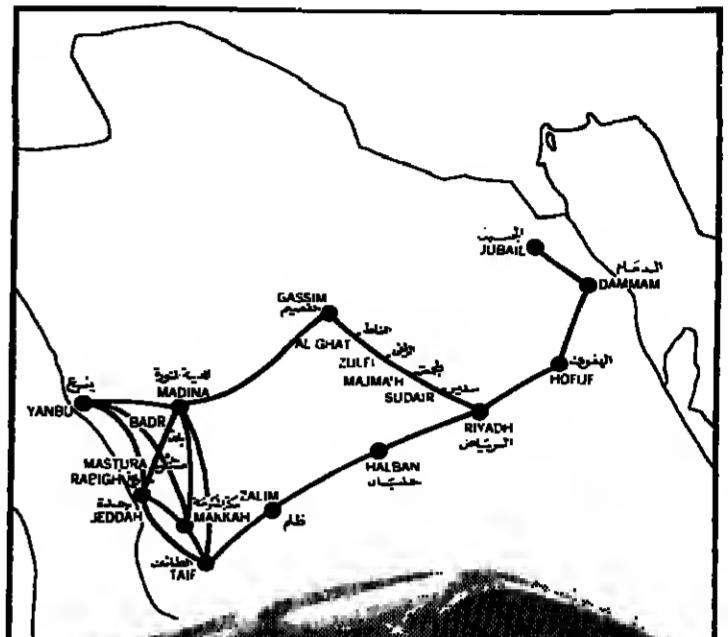
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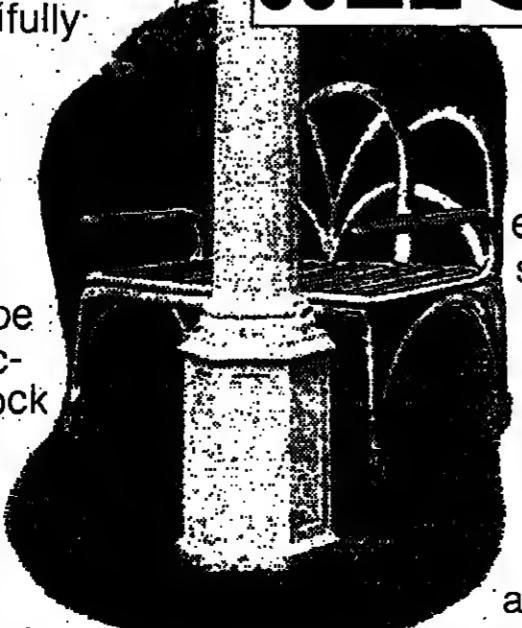
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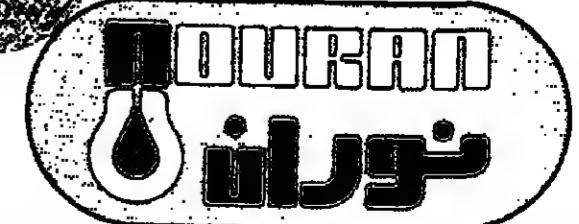
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Safe for elderly and infirm**China revives cure for cataract**

By Song Meiyu

PEKING (Depthnews) — Wu Chenli is living testimony to the effectiveness of a simple treatment for cataracts that had been almost forgotten by Chinese doctors.

But the efforts of a tenacious Peking oculist have seen the refinement of the ancient technique into a skill especially safe for the elderly and infirm. Although different from acupuncture, the technique relies mainly on the manipulation of needles.

The 93-year-old Wu Chenli's relief was obvious enough to any observer when the protective shield was taken from his right eye one recent morning, at the capital's Guang An Men Hospital. The little grayish spot that had long obscured his vision was gone, and his pupil once again crystal-clear.

For the first time in two years, he could completely see what lay around him. The old man poured out his gratefulness to Dr. Tang Youzi, the director of the hospital's eye department, whom he recognized by the sound of his voice as the man who had performed the operation.

Over the past two years, Wu had gone to a succession of hospitals seeking some relief for the cataract, but was rejected for modern surgery in every case because of his advanced age. Finally, an old friend recommended the Guang An Men Hospital, where he had had his own cataract removed at the age of 89.

Cataracts are among the most common of eye afflictions, and also among the most psychologically difficult to endure. While cataract operations, which entail removal of the entire eye lens, are among the most reliable in surgery, they are generally considered unsafe for the aged, for people with chronic diseases, or for the physically frail.

The technique employed by Dr. Tang and his colleagues has also been practiced in Egypt and India, where it may have originated, as well as in China, since very early times.

Dr. Tang first scoured classical Chinese texts that detailed several types of needle manipulation. Later, he traveled to India, but was appalled to find that needle manipulation has passed into the hands of quack doctors who work without any of the support services or sanitary knowledge provided by modern medicine.

Chinese doctors begin their treatment by administering local anesthesia and making a delicate incision in the cornea, at a point

where the outer layer holds a concentration of blood vessels. The incision is no larger than three millimeters — far smaller than that made in a cataract operation performed according to Western methods.

A needle is then inserted through the opening and advanced toward the pupil. After breaking the tissue that holds the lens, the needle is moved to depress it against the lower part of the eye and to hold it there. After the needle is withdrawn, no stitches are needed. The eye is bandaged and protected with a shield. The patient may be discharged from the hospital after five days.

"I felt no pain at all and was up the next day," Wu says.

"The procedure is tolerable to very old people," Dr. Tang says. "It takes only some minutes. We have even treated a woman 104 years old. In Wu's case, both his age and the fact that he suffers from heart disease made conventional surgery out of the question."

Working from the essential principles of the traditional needle technique, doctors in Dr. Tang's department have developed several new instruments that make the treatment possible in a wider range of cases.

One instrument, which is most effective in operations on hard cataracts, is a tiny net-like device, called the *tao chu qi*, which grasps and removes the cataract. Another instrument, the *fensi qi*, is inserted to crush the cataract. After that, the doctor again employs the *tao chu qi* to extract the cataract fragments. One stitch is required to close the incision. The entire operation lasts from 20 minutes to half an hour, while post operation hospitalization usually runs from 10 to 14 days. Another new instrument is a suction device, the *xichu qi*, which is applied in operations on soft cataracts.

"The visual results are excellent," says Dr. Tang. "With the help of glasses, the eyes can recover their normal vision. In addition, there are fewer complications compared to conventional surgery. There is also no scar."

Dr. Tang began research in needle surgery in 1957, after his graduation from the Peking Medical Institute. "Before I went to college to study Western medicine, I was an eye doctor in the traditional Chinese mode," he recalls. "I had seen operations by quack doctors, but in most cases they were failures. Traditional surgery had almost become obsolete by the 1950s. Nonetheless, I always held that the needle method itself was not to blame, since it did work in some cases. We

had to find the underlying causes that led to blindness or other serious complications after operations."

Dr. Tang thought that one possible reason could be the lack of strict sterilization and postoperative management, which he knew could be tackled by modern techniques.

A great obstacle, however, was the view held by many doctors that the depression of the lens would lead to complete blindness within three years. Dr. Tang was not persuaded. He argued that since the depressed lens was located in an environment similar to its original position, it should not have the effect that a foreign body would.

"Besides," he says, "in boxing, when a fighter is hurt in the eye, the lens often becomes detached and remains in the eye without causing blindness. That recognition was an inspiration to me."

Later experiments proved his theory correct. "But, in order to avoid possible trouble caused by the depressed lens in the distant future, we only give very old people this treatment," he says. "In other cases, we must use the *tao chu qi* or the *xichu qi* to get the cataract out of the eye."

In recent years, Dr. Tang and his colleagues have been to many rural areas in southern China, where the incidence of cataracts is much higher than in the north.

Reading device for blind people

LONDON (LPS) — A machine that enables the blind to read books, magazines, newspapers and even clear handwriting has been developed by researchers in Bristol University's physics department in southwest England. As the machine simply reads what it "sees", it can cope with many languages.

The Tactile Image Generator or TIG is a desk-top machine that comprises a reading input unit and a disc output unit. In the input unit a small camera is tracked automatically along the lines being read. The camera unit contains an integrated circuit with a linear array of photodiodes. It automatically scans across print placed beneath it as it is traversed along the line.

The electronic signals from the camera are transmitted by wire to the disc unit where, after further processing, they control the operation of a group of solenoids. The solenoids control 12 rods which push up metal pins placed through a 21.5 cm diameter glass-fiber disc as it rotates, thus reproducing, with enlargement and in relief, the letters that are being scanned by the camera.

Unlike other reading systems for the blind, the TIG can be used by blind people in a matter of minutes. Words formed by the pins on the disc as it rotates are read by touch. The maximum reading speed is 20/30 words per minute and the speed of rotation of the disc can be quickly altered. The disc can also be declutched, enabling the user to check all the words on it before they are automatically canceled.

Parental love stops kids' drug abuse

By Joan Sweeney

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Adolescents whose parents are warm, affectionate and communicative toward them are less likely to use drugs than children who do not have a good parental relationship, according to studies by a group of New York researchers.

The studies, which were funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, also pointed out the strong role a father can play in heading off teen-age drug abuse.

Research in the past often focused on the mother because "of the assumption the



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Smoking habits spreading like wildfire

By Thomas Land

GENEVA, (LOS) — Despite the efforts of many doctors, teachers and specialist organizations, cigarette smoking is still on the increase among women, children and the poor, according to a global report to be placed before an international conference in Canada.

However, the habit is rapidly losing its popularity in the industrialized countries where people are learning to see through the glamorous smoke-screen of advertising, says a survey of the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) which has placed the tobacco issue in the center of its drive to create reasonable health care for all by the year 2000.

Non-smokers are now in the majority in many industrialized countries — but smoking among women and very young people are still on the increase even there.

The fifth world conference on smoking and health is to be held in Winnipeg later this year. A focal point of the conference

will be a new, long-term Canadian policy to encourage young people to become the country's "break-away" generation — free from tobacco.

The WHO study says that the smoking habit has spread like wildfire during recent years throughout the developing regions of the globe. "Although the developing countries have not had time to experience the grim increase in smoking-related mortality that has taken place in the industrialized countries, they must experience it unless they halt and reverse their current increases in cigarette consumption."

"In many less developed countries, the man-made epidemic of smoking-related diseases is already of such magnitude as to rival even infectious diseases or malnutrition as a public health problem."

A spokesman for the organization explains that lack of information and clearly defined attitudes by public health authorities as well as the absence of appropriate legislation hinder efforts to limit cigarette consumption in many poor countries.

tries.

WHO blames "the emulation of lifestyles practiced in the rich industrial countries which is deliberately promoted by the tobacco companies" for the resulting "dramatic increase in smoking" in the poor world.

Yet the industrialized countries have trouble enough in trying to kick the habit. A Canadian report also to be placed before the conference will show that, although well over half the country's population over 15 years of age comprises non-smokers, cigarette consumption is on the increase among teen-age girls.

Hence the new program announced by Canada to produce a generation of non-smokers. "The values, attitudes and behavior related to smoking begin to develop very early in life and continue through childhood and adolescence," says a Canadian specialist. "Once individuals reach the age of 19 or 20 'smoke-free,' it is unlikely that they will ever start smoking again."

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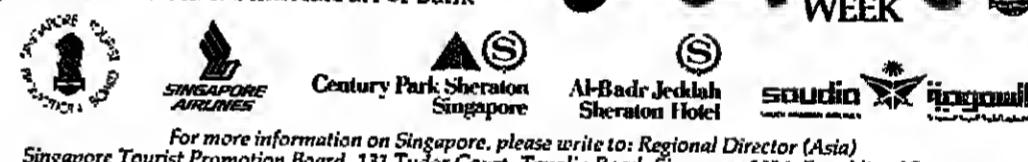


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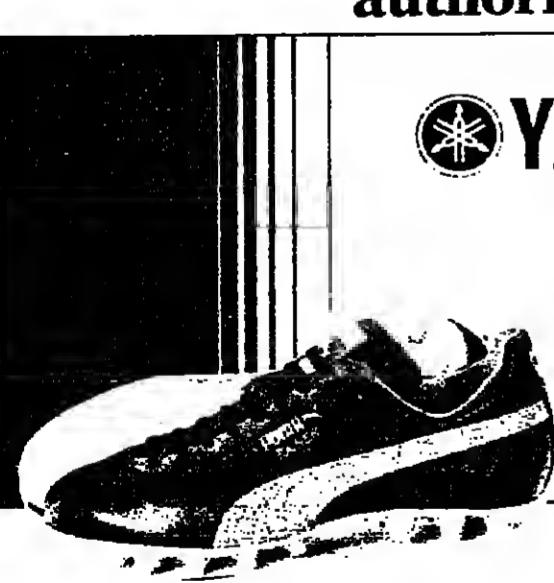
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Differences over policy reported

France replaces army chief

PARIS, March 9 (Agencies) — France's Socialist government Wednesday replaced Army Chief of Staff Gen. Jean Delaunay as part of what it called a long-planned move, but press reports said he had resigned because of differences with the administration over defense policy.

Political analysts said the replacement of Gen. Delaunay represented fresh political embarrassment for the governing Socialist

Poll may unseat Mauroy

PARIS, March 9 (R) — France's ruling Socialist Party gears up for the final lap of a tough municipal election campaign Wednesday in which several government ministers face difficult runoffs in major cities Sunday.

The second round of the local elections could unseat both Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, the long-standing mayor of Lille, and Interior Minister Gaston Defferre who has been city chief of Marseilles for 30 years.

The two ministers personify the difficulties facing the Socialists in the current campaign, their first national contest after 22 months in power.

In separate incidents Tuesday, Mauroy

was forced to leave an agricultural exhibition in Paris amid jeers and catcalls from French farmers, and in Marseilles where Defferre has been defending his security record, a bomb exploded near a synagogue.

Political commentators have speculated that the loss by the left of 16 major cities in the first round of voting last Sunday could lead to Mauroy's replacement, and analysts said Tuesday's incident could further damage his image.

Mauroy's re-election as mayor of the northern industrial town of Lille, where he is challenged by a strong right-wing candidate, also depends on whether the tiny ecologist party decides to throw its weight behind him.

the army at the end of the war.

He served with the Foreign Legion in Indochina and Morocco before training at the command staff college at Fort Leavenworth in the United States in 1958. He was later stationed in West Germany and was appointed director of military personnel, the job he held until today, in October 1980. Gen. Delaunay, also a career officer, became army chief in October 1980 after serving in Indochina, Morocco and Algeria. The press reports said Gen. Delaunay quit in disagreement over planned manpower cuts which he believed would weaken the army and his own authority.

Gen. Delaunay's criticism of government policy was made public in December when a Paris newspaper published a confidential letter to his superior, armed forces commander Gen. Jeanou Lacaze.

In the letter, leaked to the pro-Socialist newspaper *Le Matin*, the general said projected cuts of up to 30,000 men could "lead to a land army of diminished troops strength, weakened structures, outdated equipment and lowered morale."

Earlier this month, the opposition daily *Le Figaro* said relations between the chiefs of staff and the government had deteriorated further over a series of policy issues and an alleged lack of consultation.

Summit hears World Cup of sorrow

NEW DELHI, March 9 (R) — Malagasy President Didier Ratsiraka used last year's World Cup soccer finals in Spain to take a verbal kick Wednesday at what he called the foul tactics of imperialism.

The radical African leader told bemused delegates to the nonaligned summit that an analysis of the World Cup "was very significant and can be applied to all aspects of inter-

national relations."

"First of all, like all football fans, I was shocked by the behavior of the West German and Austrian teams," he announced at the summit session, which was also attended by two puzzled Austrian observers.

The Malagasy leader was alluding to a tame 1-1 draw which allowed both sides to go through to the next round of the finals. Fans

booed both sides off the pitch after the game and alleged it was fixed. The result eliminated Algeria from the tournament.

Using the Austria-West Germany game as an example, President Ratsiraka said: "What is happening in the world is that there is solidarity between North and North (industrialized countries) and there is none between South and South (the developing states).

Delegates wriggled uncomfortably as the Malagasy leader pressed on with his football theme, complaining that not enough Third World countries were allowed to take part in the World Cup.

Cameroon, playing in the World Cup for the first time, had an inferiority complex and only went to Spain with the object of not getting beaten, he said. "It did not believe in itself, whereas it could have beaten all its adversaries, Italy in particular, which would have caused an upheaval in all the world football classifications," he said.

The Malagasy leader said his analysis showed "the origins of the evils which mankind suffers can be traced to the single formula of imperialist practices in all its aspects — economic, political, commercial, military and cultural."

He declared: "The more I think about it the more logical it seems to me... Some even assert that the World Cup has become a commercial matter, a matter for capitalism."

Pope ending tour

BELIZE CITY, March 9 (AP) — Pope John Paul II arrived in the former British colony of Belize Wednesday, nearing the end of a Central American trip he prayed would "create new energies" for peace. The pontiff flew to this English-speaking nation from Guatemala City.

After a brief stop in Belize, he goes to the Caribbean nation of Haiti. He is scheduled to spend 10 hours in that poorest nation in the hemisphere and then return to Rome on an overnight flight.

The pontiff's eight-day trip through Central America included pleasant, flower-strewn welcomes in Costa Rica and Panama, and confrontations with Nicaragua's Marxist leaders and the Protestant president of Guatemala, an unbending rightist army general.

Greeted by crowds of hundreds of thousands in each country, John Paul consistently spoke for a need to help the poor and the downtrodden. He called for reconciliation and brotherhood to replace violence now raging between right and left, rich and poor, white and Indian.

Singapore-Sanaa ties

SINGAPORE, March 9 (AFP) — Singapore and North Yemen will establish diplomatic relations at non-resident ambassadorial level from Thursday, a Foreign Ministry statement here said Wednesday. The statement said the move aimed at strengthening the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

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TALLEST IN SHANGHAI: Yao Zhiyuan (6' 8") and his wife (6' 2") and their two-year-old son stroll in the Shanghai area. Believed to be the tallest couple in Shanghai, they first met in the court, since both are former basketball players.

Canadians greet Elizabeth

VICTORIA, British Columbia, March 9 (AP) — Bands played in the rain and artillery boomed out a 21-gun salute as Queen Elizabeth II arrived to a tumultuous welcome from 10,000 loyal subjects in this Canadian city named for her great-grandmother.

To rain that plagued the British queen's 10-day U.S. visit followed her to Canada on Tuesday, and provincial Premier Bill Bennett apologized for the unseasonable "California weather."

"I think she's terrific," said Lucile Ladas of Victoria, one of those who braved the wet

Polish strike leader goes on trial

GRUDZIADZ, Poland, March 9 (AP) — Anna Walentynowicz, a key figure in the rise of the outlawed Solidarity labor federation, told a court in Grudziadz Wednesday that she feels no guilt about inciting an occupation strike at Gdansk shipyards under martial law.

Solidarity chief Lech Walesa attended the opening of the trial, being held in the remote north central Polish city of Grudziadz, between Warsaw and the Baltic port of Gdansk, where Solidarity was born.

Mrs. Walentynowicz is perhaps the best known of the Solidarity figures to stand trial since the martial law declaration of Dec. 13, 1981. She is charged with illegally continuing

Peking, Moscow keep mum on talks

MOSCOW, March 9 (AFP) — Soviet and Chinese delegations were Wednesday holding further talks as part of their second round of consultations aimed at improving relations, a Chinese source said.

It was the third session during the current round, following the arrival of a Chinese delegation here at the end of last month. The first round of consultations was held in Peking last October.

Both sides remained silent on progress at the talks, and Moscow had still issued no comment to a Chinese news agency report Monday accusing the Soviets of blocking Mongolia by refusing to discuss Mongolia —

her union activity during the military crackdown, and making inflammatory speeches which allegedly incited workers to barricade themselves inside the Lenin shipyard in Dec. 14 and 15, 1981.

Authorities reportedly used tanks to break down the shipyard gates, and regain control of the sprawling complex. No deaths were reported in the incident, although many were believed injured.

Walesa told a handful of Western reporters allowed into the civilian court that he did not expect to testify in the case. He spoke briefly with Mrs. Walentynowicz during a break in the trial.

Such is the case in Peking, especially where more and more young women are seen on the streets slightly made-up, with their hair styled and wearing shoes with small heels and leather shoulder bags.

With men, there is also a similar evolution, although it is slower. This is seen mainly among younger men, who have begun replacing their traditional baggy blue cotton jackets and trousers with well-cut suits, blue jeans, leather jackets and elegant grey or beige trenchcoats.

Failure probably would push oil prices even lower on the open market, thus forcing non-OPEC producers to lower their official contract prices. That could trigger a price war, which would envelop Nigeria and other OPEC members.

Meanwhile, sterling, jittery over the oil price crisis, fell to a six-year low against major currencies when markets opened in Europe Wednesday, but recovered later amid hopes of an OPEC price and production agreement.

Sterling has fallen steadily since OPEC failed to agree on a policy for pricing and production in Geneva in late January to counter the world oil glut. A steep fall in oil prices would hit Britain's oil income and balance of payments, putting fresh pressure on the pound, which in turn would push up import costs and possibly boost interest rates, affecting economic recovery.

Barua said the government "should not complicate matters. If it wants to widen the scope of the talks, this would not be an indication of the government's desire to settle."

At the moment there are no talks between the government and the students. Mrs. Gandhi called the elections when the negotiations broke off last January.

The extended OPEC negotiations — some ministers have now been in London for a week — continued to depress the spot and futures oil markets Wednesday. They also caused the Soviet Union to drop its price for contract crude, rather than await the outcome of the talks.

Buyers said Moscow had notified companies of a \$1.25 cut in the price of so-called Urals crude to \$28 a barrel.

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Dress show makes China fashion conscious

PEKING, March 9 (AFP) — Young Chinese who for years have been forced to